



## Did you know Harry Butman...

Rev. Dr. Harry R. Butman was an activist minister and a prolific writer of theology and the spiritual life. His work and leadership helped found the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches in 1955, all while he ministered to his congregation.

He was one of the most powerful advocates for the Congregational Way of Christian life. His book *Serve With Gladness* inspired many ministers and helped them form their ideas of ministry. He kept his strong Massachusetts's accent throughout his 101 years, even after living and ministering in California for many years.

In the late 1960's, Harry Butman was the editor of *The Congregationalist* magazine, and he is remembered and celebrated for his great writing, insightful thought, long years of leadership and even his prowess on the basketball court long after others sat on the bench.

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## Call to Worship

L: Precious Lord, take our hands in this hour

**C: Lead us on, help us stand**

L: We want to walk in the light

**C: Of our pilgrim forebears**

L: Who lived in the strength of Your Spirit

**C: And with the hope of the triumph of the Gospel**

## Invocation (in unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we come to this hour seeking a vision, for a world which needs Your love and care. Imbue us with a pilgrim spirit, always willing to venture where You would have us go, always prepared to do our part to redeem the past for the sake of a more hopeful future. Gather us now, for we come with great expectations to be blessed.

Amen

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