

**Worship Guide**  
**July 5, 2020**



Welcome

Opening prayer: Psalm 71: 1 - 12 (UMH 794)

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me!**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.**

**My praise is continually of you.**

I have been an example to many, for you are my strong refuge.

**My mouth is filled with your praise and with your glory all the day.**

Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent.

**For my enemies speak concerning me,**

those who watch for my life consult together, saying,

**“God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is no deliverer.”**

O God, be not far from me;

**O my God, make haste to help me!**

Song: Come and find the quiet center (FWS 2128)

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace and simple be.**

**In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.**

Prayers of intercession (piano will respond with “O Lord, Hear my prayer” FWS 2200)

And now with the confidence of children of God, we pray as Jesus taught, saying, **“Our Father...”**

Scripture readings: Matthew 11: 16 - 30

Message: “Good news! Good news?”

Offering - This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to Centenary UMC, PO Box 630, Skowhegan ME 04976 or to an organization in your community that makes a positive difference in people's lives.

You may also offer God something that's on your heart: joy, gratefulness, anxiety, or something else.

Song: This is my song (UMH 437)

**This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

Benediction