

Worship Guide

June 20, 2021: The 4th Sunday of Pentecost

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN: When the Storms of Life are Raging

UMH #512



*1 When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; (stand by me)
 when the storms of life are raging, stand by me. (stand by me)
 When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,
 thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me. (stand by me)*

*2 In the midst of tribulation, stand by me; (stand by me)
 in the midst of tribulation, stand by me. (stand by me)
 When the hosts of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
 thou who never lost a battle, stand by me. (stand by me)*

*3 In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me; (stand by me)
 in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. (stand by me)
 When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
 thou who knowest all about me, stand by me. (stand by me)*

*4 In the midst of persecution, stand by me; (stand by me)
 in the midst of persecution, stand by me. (stand by me)
 When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,
 thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me. (stand by me)*

*5 When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me; (stand by me)
 when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me. (stand by me)
 When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
 O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me. (stand by me)*

Opening Prayer

Almighty God

The news is that Your wind is blowing.

**It may be a breeze that
 cools and comforts.**

**It may be a gust that
 summons us to notice.**

**It may be a storm that blows us where we have
 never been before.**

**Whatever the wind is in our lives,
 help us to pay attention to it ...
 so that the blessing of God,
 Father, Son, and Spirit,
 will abide with us always. Amen.**

Modified from Walter Brueggemann, Prayers for a Privileged People, pg. 183.

SCRIPTURE

Gospel: Mark 4: 31 - 35

MESSAGE

Pastor Rick

OFFERING

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976. You are also invited to support an organization or church in our local community that is making a positive difference in people's lives.

SONG BEFORE & AFTER TIME OF PRAYER:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying.

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place

Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace .

A LITANY FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

After each petition, the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy."

All respond with "**Hear our prayer.**"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO A PASTOR

...As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,

And accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere.

We express our gratitude for your time among us.

We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.

Your influence on our faith and faithfulness

Will not leave us with your departure.

...and will continue to pray for you and Pastor Jen.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting,

We give you thanks for cherished memories

And commend one another to your care as we move in new directions.

Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *You Are Mine*

FWS #2218

*I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice,
Be still, and know I am here.*

Refrain:

*Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

(Refrain)

*I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in Me.*

(Refrain)

*I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know My name.*

(Refrain)

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now walk, and live!*

(Refrain)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

As the Lord has given to you such peace and healing,

Now go into the world offering God's love and hope to others.

Go in peace and remember that God goes with you. AMEN. Go in peace. AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Fellowship Meal for Pastor Rick and Lori will happen shortly.

The New HEARTS AND HANDS THRIFT SHOP

Co-Managers: James Barto and Ila Libby

Hours of Operation: Wednesdays 9 AM to 12 PM

Cookware	Lamps
Silverware	Home Décor
Dishes	Picture Frames
Jewelry	CDs/DVDs/VHS
Children's Toys	

***The Thrift Shop will not take: shoes, electric appliances, no large furniture, couches, recliners, etc.

We will receive books for the Take a Book/Leave a Book CUP Café initiative.

***Call James @ 207-858-0257 to arrange drop off donations or for more information

CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet is open on Wednesdays 9 AM to NOON and 5 PM to 7 PM

FREE DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY MEALS

Free meals for curbside pick up.

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Call the church @ 207-474-3915

Leave your name and number of meals

Pick up time is between 5-6PM that evening.

Next meal is Tuesday, June 22nd.

Italian sandwiches, chips, and dessert.