

Worship Guide

September 5, 2021: 15th Sunday after Pentacost

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN: *Gather Us In #2236 TFWS*

*1. Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song.*

*4. Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.*

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His Name. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE

Epistle Lesson: James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:24-37

L: The word of God, for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE:

Kevin Tansey



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 .*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (after each time of silence, we'll finish with the words "Lord in your mercy" and you are invited to respond, "**Hear our prayer.**")

Together let us pray:

For the people of this congregation....

For those who suffer and those in trouble....

For the concerns of this local community....

For the world, it's peoples, and it's leaders....

For the Church universal- it's leaders, it's members, and it's mission....

In communion with the saints...

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.**

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All that we do is in your holy name, O God.  
Even as we share the riches of our labors,  
may we continue to honor your name  
in all that we do.  
Bless these gifts given freely,  
that your justice and mercy may prevail  
in a weak and weary world. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *Together We Serve* #2175 TFWS

*Together we serve,  
united by love,  
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray  
through sorrow and joy,  
extending your love to the last and the least.*

*We seek to become  
a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year,  
to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

*We welcome the scarred,  
the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home  
to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

*Together, by grace,  
we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve  
in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our song.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Feel the power of Christ's healing love restoring you.

Go in peace, offering help and hope to others.

And may the peace of God always be with you. AMEN.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The New HEARTS AND HANDS THRIFT SHOP

Co-Managers: James Barto and Ila Libby

**Hours of Operation: Wednesdays 9 AM to 12 PM**

**\*\*\*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

The Donation Bin will be open to receive clothing donations July 24th—July 31.

THE CUP CAFÉ

Our CUP Café is open on Wednesdays 9AM—12 NOON.

Each week we offer a light lunch, lemonade, coffee and snacks. We also have FREE Wi-Fi and are air conditioned!

FREE DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY MEALS

Our free Drive Thru Community meals are on pause for the summer. We will be returning to our on-site meal program here at 103 Dr. Mann Road in late summer/early fall. More information coming soon.

MEDICAL LENDING EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

Do you or someone you know have need for a wheelchair, walker, crutches, canes, etc.? If so, we have many of these items available through our medical lending program. This is offered by appointment. Call 207-474-3915 and leave your name, phone number, and the item that you need. Someone will contact you. This is an outreach through the partnership of Common Unity Place and Centenary United Methodist Church.