

Worship Guide

October 31, 2021: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost



GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: *I Will Call Upon the Lord* TFWS 2002

*I will call upon the Lord (Echo)*  
*Who Is worthy to be praised (Echo)*  
*So shall I be saved from my enemies (Echo)*  
*I will call upon the Lord. (Echo)*

*The Lord liveth and blessed be My Rock*  
*Let the God Of My Salvation be exalted*  
*The Lord liveth And blessed be the Rock*  
*Let the God Of My Salvation be exalted!*

*(Repeat)*

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful disciples. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

Gospel Lesson: Mark 2:1-12

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

CLOSING HYMN: *Wade in the Water*

*TFWS #2107*

Refrain:

Wade in the water

Wade in the water, children

Wade in the water

God's a-gonna trouble the water.

1. See that host all dressed in white

God's a-gonna trouble the water.

The leader looks like the Israelite

God's a-gonna trouble the water.

Refrain:

Wade in the water

Wade in the water, children

Wade in the water

God's a-gonna trouble the water.

2. See that band all dressed in red

God's a-gonna trouble the water.

Looks like the band that Moses led

God's a-gonna trouble the water.

[Refrain]

3. Look over yonder,

What do I see?

God's a-gonna trouble the water.

The Holy Ghost

A coming on me

God's a-gonna trouble the water.

[Refrain]

4. If you don't believe

I've been redeemed

God's a-gonna trouble the water,

Just follow me down

To the Jordan stream,

God's a-gonna trouble the water.

[Refrain]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Do not ever be afraid to welcome others.

Bring your welcoming, accepting spirit to all those whom you meet.

May God go with you on your journey this week and all of your days.

**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**

**There are currently Christmas items on sale in our fellowship hall.**

CLOTHING CLOSET

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

The Clothing Bin is now closed to receiving donations.

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.

FREE DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY MEALS

Our free Drive Thru Community meals are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

**Our next meal is Tuesday, November 9th.** Call 207-474-3915, leave your name and number of meals. Pick up time is between 5pm and 6 pm that evening. Check out the menu updates/and events on the church Facebook page.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING 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.

SKOWHEGAN AREA YOUTH GROUP

Thursdays from 5:30-7 pm at Centenary UMC on the Dr. Mann Rd. Snacks and activities provided. For more information, please call Sharon Newell or Kevin Tansey at 207-708-0767 or 207-877-5987.

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