

Worship Guide

January 16 2022: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.

P: But there is only one Spirit.

L: There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.

P: But it is the same Lord we all serve.

L: There are many activities we can do to serve God: teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...

P: But all these are activated by God.

L: There are many manifestations of God's Spirit in the world.

P: It is impossible to list them all.

L: To say that one is better than another is foolish.

P: God gives to each as God chooses. Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN: *Many Gifts, One Spirit UMH #114*

OPENING PRAYER

God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you. Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability, strength, courage, and passion. Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others. In all that we do, and in all that we are, may your name be glorified, that your kingdom will be with us and reside here on this earth. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

First Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Second Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:6-8

Third Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:11

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

P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPERATION: – *I Am Thine, O Lord UMH#419*

MESSAGE:

Gene Rouse

SONG BEFORE & AFTER TIME OF PRAYER: Cares Chorus #2215TFWS

I will cast all of my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet and anytime I don't know what to do, I will cast all of my cares upon you.



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.**")

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: *Simple Gifts #856 The Hymnary*

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where I ought to be;
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;
to turn, turn, will be my delight.
Till by turning, turning we come round right.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

L: Drink deep of God's love.

P: God's love endures forever!

L: Drink deep of God's Spirit.

P: God's Spirit endures forever!

L: Feast on the abundance of God's gifts.

P: God's gifts never end!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The 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 is now closed. Please check back on our FB page for updates

THE CUP CAFÉ

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

Each week we offer a light lunch, hot chocolate, 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 will be on Tuesday, January 25th. Please check our FB and Event Page for the menu. Call 207-474-3915, leave your name and number of meals. Pick up time is between 5pm and 6 pm that evening.

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 ap-ointment. 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 6-7:30 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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