

Worship Guide

April 3, 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WE GATHER (Greeting and Introduction)

Pastor Jen



Special welcome to Pastor Bo Landsperg and husband, Tony Landsperg and David Seeley. Tony and David will be assisting in leading worship today.

Meditation: ¹*Why is life so hard? Why do we suffer?* ²³*I wish that my words could be written down* ²⁴*or chiseled into rock.* ²⁵*I know that my Savior lives, and at the end he will stand on this earth.* ²⁶*My flesh may be destroyed, yet from this body I will see God.* ²⁷*Yes, I will see God for myself, and I long for that moment.* (Job 7:1, 19: 23-25, CEV)

Testimony Moment

David Seeley

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

L: The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name! (The Book Of Worship 1965, Alt.)

OPENING HYMN: *Praise The Lord With The Sound Of Trumpet*

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OPENING PRAYER:

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the coming of night, when we shall resign into your hands the tasks which you have committed to us. So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (The Book Of Worship 1965, Alt.)

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Mark 10:45

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Preparation: *More Like You* #2167TFWS

MESSAGE: *Make Me A Servant*

Tony Landsperg

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Pastor Jen

SONG BEFORE & AFTER TIME OF PRAYER: *O Lord, Hear Our Prayers#2200TFWS**O Lord hear our prayer, O Lord hear our prayer When we call, answer us. O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord here our prayer Come and listen to us.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**")SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

L: Holy Source of New Life, you promise to set us free from paths of fear, doubt, and denial.

P: Yet we resist your invitation, seeing only what we must give up if we are to follow the path of Jesus.

L: You call us to have faith in your sustaining presence and power, but your call takes us beyond anything we can see or touch.

P: We fear placing our trust in things beyond our control.

L: We doubt that you can bring water to the dry places of our lives or replace our suffering with joy.

P: Forgive us when we turn away from your promise of abundant life.

L: Heal us and lead us home, Holy One. Amen.

L: Whenever we seek to leave behind our old ways and turn to God for help, God forgives our faithlessness and strengthens us for the journey ahead. We are the heirs of God's promises. We are the children of God's compassion and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**ALL: Thanks be to God, 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

Wonderful, amazing God, we thank you that you have raised Jesus from the dead, bringing us the promise of new life. With the dawning of this new day, may we awake to new opportunities to love and serve you and witness to Christ whom you have raised. Use us, and our gifts, to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.(Ruth Duck, 20th C US)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (turn to page 13 of the UMH)

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN: *Make Me A Servant*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BENEDICTION

EASTER SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday, April 3rd will be the last Sunday that we will be worshipping in the fellowship hall. Worship on this day will be led by special guests, Tony Landsperg and David Seeley.

Sunday, April 10th is Palm Sunday. We will be returning to worship in the sanctuary on this day. In remembering this significant Sunday in Jesus' ministry, we will begin worship with processing into the sanctuary. Betty Frederic will be providing the message.

Holy Week: Even though the COVID virus is in decline, it is still here with us. Therefore it seemed "too soon" to return to some of the intimate rituals of Holy Week that Maundy Thursday and Good Friday calls for. Pastor Jen has created a booklet with spiritual practices and prayers to use during Holy Week. These will be handed out on Palm Sunday as well as posted on the church website at <http://www.centenaryfaith.org>

Sunday, April 17th is Easter. Pastor Jen and Kevin Tansey will be leading a simple service at the Gazebo at Coburn Park beginning at 7AM. There will be an Easter Breakfast offered by CUMC volunteers and the Men's Fellowship beginning at 8 AM. Our Easter worship service will be offered in the usual hybrid format beginning at 10:20 AM.

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Finally, there is a group of women in the church who is going to start a women's fellowship. If you are interested in learning more about purpose and mission of the group you can contact Ila Libby @ 207-431-9160 Lori Trevains @ 207-431-3493. For those of you joining us in person, you can check out the sign up sheet on the table at the side of the fellowship hall. **First meeting 4/13/22 3pm-4:30pm**

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

They are currently collecting items for the Cornville 8 mile yard sale. See Lori, Ila, or James.

CLOTHING CLOSET

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

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, April 12th. Mini Italians, chips, and dessert. 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 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 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.