

Worship Guide

March 6, 2022: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

WE GATHER (Greeting and Introduction)



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We who live in the shelter of the Most High...

P: let us come and trust in our God. God's word is near us, on our lips and in our hearts.

L: We, who trust in God's promises... let us come and rejoice in the power of the Spirit.

P: The Holy One is our refuge and our strength. We have come to worship the One who calls us!

OPENING HYMN: *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart #2140 TFWS*

OPENING PRAYER: **God of signs and wonders, God of power and love, God of breath and life, you make no distinctions between us—distinctions of ethnic origin or race, gender or identity, riches or poverty. All who believe in you will be saved. In you, we learn to trust the changing seasons— as winter turns to spring, as long, dark nights give way to brighter days. In you, we find the courage to turn away from all that is false, rejoicing, instead, in the constancy of your love. You, who are our rock and our redeemer, save us from falling into temptation as we turn our hearts to you. AMEN.**

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle Lesson: Romans 10: 8b-13

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Preparation: *Jesus Tempted in the Desert #2105 TFWS*

MESSAGE:

Pastor Jen

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

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: Jesus said, "One does not live by alone."

ALL: Yet we are unwilling to fast and pray, mistaking dead rocks for the bread of life.

L: Jesus said, "Worship and serve only the Holy One, your God."

ALL: Yet we are unwilling to wait in silence, mistaking the sound of our own voice for the voice of God.

L: God of power and life, open our hearts to your never-failing love.

ALL: Forgive us when we refuse to place our trust in you.

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Glory to God. Amen.

L: As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

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

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: *Lord Throughout These Forty Days #269UMH*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

Celebrate the abundant grace of God's unfailing love,

Sharing it with all who are in need of grace.

And may the God who hears the cries of the oppressed

Give us strength and courage we need

To face every temptation

As did our Savior, Jesus who is the Christ. AMEN

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

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 Chop Suey, vegetable and dessert. This will be offered on Tuesday, March 8th Check the church website for updates. 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.

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