

WORSHIP GUIDE

July 24, 2022 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Join the fellowship of God's people—
people who gather as faithful disciples of Christ.

**We seek the One who frees us
from uncertainty and doubt.**

Come! Join the welcome of God's people—
people who meet together for justice and peace.

**We seek the One who is trustworthy,
the One who gives us what is good.**

Come! Join the celebration of God's people—
people of the One who was, and is, and shall ever be.

**We raise our voices in praise and honor to God,
and worship the One who is faithful.**

OPENING HYMN: *For the Healing of Our Nation*

UMF #428

OPENING PRAYER

**God of grace and God of glory, come and be known to us
in our gathering together; come and be present in the songs we sing
and in the prayers we raise.**

**From the busy byways of life, we come to find once again
that you are always present and always ready to receive us.**

**As we affirm our faith this day, deepen the roots of our commitment,
that we may learn your calling upon our lives.**

**Surround us now with the love and comfort of your Holy Spirit
and the direction and redemption of Christ. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament – Hosea 1:1-10

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

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

P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

TFWS # 2129

MESSAGE: *Now What*

Gene Rouse

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *What Does the Lord Require of You*

TFWS #2174



WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

SONG BEFORE & AFTER TIME OF PRAYER: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying #2193 TFWS*
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.

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.**")

For the people of this congregation.... LORD IN YOUR MERCY

For those who suffer and those in trouble....LORD IN YOUR MERCY

For the concerns of this local community.... LORD IN YOUR MERCY

For the world, it's peoples, and it's leaders....LORD IN YOUR MERCY

For the Church universal- it's leaders, it's members, and it's mission....LORD IN YOUR MERCY

In communion with the saints... LORD IN YOUR MERCY

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: *There's a Wideness In God's Mercy*

UMH #121

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

As you go forth, know that you leave
with the unfailing love of God.

As you leave this place, know that by God's strength
you will be able to face the challenges
of the coming week.

As you return to your daily lives,
know that your pursuit of peace reveals to the world
that you are God's children. Amen.

Pastor Jen will be away on vacation, Monday, June 27th thru Sunday, Monday, July 11th, returning on Tuesday, July 12th. Please see, our SPRC Chair person, Janice Malek for emergency pastoral care concerns. 207-313-3733.

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 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 UPDATE

A message from the Tuesday Evening Meal Team:

We have enjoyed serving you during the Fall 2021-Spring 2022 season! As has become our practice, we will be stepping away from the Tuesday meal program for the months of June-August. We look forward to starting up again in September on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Happy Summer to all!

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.

FELLOWSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

- Men's Fellowship: Mondays @ 8:00 am (See Gene Rouse or Skip Young)
- Small Group Ministry: Wednesdays @ 1:00PM -2:30PM (see Pastor Jen)
- Women's Fellowship: 2nd Wednesday each month. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (see Ila Libby or Lori Trevains)