

WORSHIP GUIDE

July 31, 2022 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

P: **God's love and warm embrace last forever.**

L: When we cry out in distress, the Lord hears our call.

P: **Praise the Lord who delivers us from sin and death.**

L: Christ calls us to clothe ourselves in righteousness.

P: **Worship the One who wraps us with justice, and helps us grow in the image of our Creator.**

L: Love well, for your heart is where your treasure is.

P: **May our hearts be filled with God's blessings, divine provisions that meet our true needs.**

OPENING HYMN: *View the Present Through the Promise W&S #3048*

OPENING PRAYER

Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of compassionate justice, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you by serving the world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1st Old Testament Lesson: Leviticus 19:15-16

2nd Old Testament Lesson: Psalms 139:13-18

1st Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:9-11

2nd Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Spirit of the Living God UMH #393*

MESSAGE: *We Are Wonderfully Made* by the late Rev. Martha Newman delivered by Gene Rouse

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Give Thanks TFWS # 2036*

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: *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me TFWS # 2151*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

Place your life in the hands of God.

Go in peace

and may the peace of God always be with you.

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)