

WORSHIP GUIDE

August 21, 2022 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Reach out your hand and touch our mouth, O God,  
P: **that authentic praise may flow freely from our lips.**  
L: Put your words in our mouths, O Lord,  
P: **that we might exalt you with reverence and awe.**  
L: Empower us to speak truth to the nations  
and to build your kingdom here on earth.  
P: **Let it be so today. Amen. Alleluia.**

OPENING HYMN: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH #117

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of all creation, we pause before you today,  
laying our hectic lives on the altar before you.  
Summer's warmth and rest are almost gone,  
and our minds are turning to the time ahead:  
students and educators are thinking about school;  
farmers are thinking about crops and fall harvests;  
business people are thinking about profit margins and quarterly reports;  
politicians are thinking about elections;  
retailers are thinking about the holidays.  
As we bow our heads before you, help us put aside today's worries and tomorrow's fears,  
that we may worship and revel in your presence today. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament – Jeremih 1:4-10  
Epistle Message: Hebrews 12:18-29  
L: The word of God, for the people of God.  
P: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* UMH #430

MESSAGE: *What If What They Say Is True* Gene Rouse

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* UMH #133

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.

PRAISE MOMENT: *Personal Testimony*

*Rodney Brown*

*Amazing Grace #378 UMH (Verse #1)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN: *Jesus Calls Us UMH #398*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

Having been warmed by the spiritual fire of our God,  
let us leave this place with unshakable courage and reverent awe.

GO forth this day in the name of

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RETURN OF THE CUMC CHURCH SUPPERS**

**There is interest in starting the CUMC church suppers again. If you are interested in learning more about this church fundraiser and opportunity for fellowship, please see Charleen Gordon. Or you can call her @ 207-399-9668.**

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)