

WORSHIP GUIDE

September 11, 2022 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

**We proclaim that God's presence is real and alive and thriving!**

Evildoers declare through their actions, "We go through life alone."

**But we see God's grace, faithfulness, and steadfast love in our lives and in the world around us.**

Praise be to God!

OPENING HYMN: *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing* UMH #400

OPENING PRAYER

**God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 4:11-28; 22-28

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Grace Alone* TFWS #2162

MESSAGE:

*Gene Rouse*

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Jesus Lifted Me* TFWS #2151

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: *Lord of All Hopefulness*      *TFWS #2197*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

My friends, go into the world:  
knowing that it is God who loves us,  
Christ who strengthens us,  
and the Holy Spirit who empowers us for service.  
Go in peace and joy! 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)