

WORSHIP GUIDE October 16, 2022 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LAITY SUNDAY HYMN SING

(A corresponding Scripture passage is required of all hymn sing requests)



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP **Call to Worship, Methodists as a Singing People (See UMH vii for reference)**

L: As Methodists, we have been called “A Singing People”

P: We love singing praises to God - it warm our hearts,

L: In his Directions for Singing, found in the United Methodist Hymnal, John Wesley encourages us to learn the hymns in the hymnal before all other songs.

P: He says that we should all sing together as frequently as we can! That even for those who find it a cross to bear, singing will be a blessing.

L: He says we should sing lustily and with good courage and to beware of singing as if we were half dead or half asleep.

P: We lift up our voices in strength! We strive to unite our voices together to make one clear melodious sound to God.

L: We sing together: hymns that we love, clearly and melodiously, with strength and modesty, in time and in tune - an act of fellowship and worship.

P: But above all we sing spiritually, with an eye to God for every word we sing.

L: Today as we sing and learn, may we worshipfully and continually offer our hearts to God.

P: We sing today and every day until that time when we sing before the throne of God.

All: Let us worship God in song! Amen!

OPENING HYMN:

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious Creator God, Author and Perfector of all our days, we sing to You a new song because You have done marvelous things. We are in awe of the works of Your salvation! We shout because the joy You give us is uncontainable! We praise You with the sound of singing. We pray that all music is to glorify Your great Name. You are an awesome God, we choose to worship You in Spirit and truth in all that we do. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:16-17 Jerusalem will be told: “Don’t be afraid. Dear Zion, don’t despair. Your God is present among you....Happy to have you back, he’ll calm you with his love and delight you with his songs.

New Testament: Ephesians 5:19-20 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8

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

P: Thanks be to God!

A Message Moment:

Gene Rouse

HYMN SING: All hymn requests must be accompanied by the corresponding Scripture for the hymn.

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:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

L: As we leave this place, O God, we will still remember you.

We will think of you through the night,
knowing that you are with us, that you are our help.

P: *And so we keep singing.*

*We will sing in the shadow of your wings.
Today. Every day. Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Sunday October 30th is ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. This year, we will be celebrating 3 special Saints of the Centenary UMC who died during the height of the COVID Pandemic. Therefore, we were not able to have a regular funeral service for them with their families. On All Saints Sunday, Pastor Jen will be providing a brief homily and then a time will be set aside to remember these 3 saints of the church. Please invite friends and family of these 3 individuals. More info to follow.*

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

The Tuesday Evening Meals offers a free meal on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Call the church @ 207-474-3915

Leave your name and # of meals.

Pick up time is between 5-6 PM that evening.

Our next meal is on November 8th.

To guarantee your meal, call by Monday, November 7th.

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)
- ♦ **Giving Angels Women's Fellowship: 1st Tuesday of each month. 10 AM – 12:00 PM and adding a second meeting on the third Tuesday of each month from 10:00am to 12:00pm to make crafts for the December 3rd craft fair. (see Ila Libby or Lori Trevains)**
- ♦ The woman's fellowship is starting preliminary planning for a craft fair at the church in conjunction with the Skowhegan Christmas Downtown Stroll event on December 3rd.
- ♦ Giving Angels Woman's Fellowship is requesting preliminary interest in donating crafts, volunteering for the event day, supplying water jugs starting collection now, and committing to making baked goods for the sale on December 3rd and prepared food for cafe luncheon. Thank you for considering assisting the woman's fellowship in this endeavor. The Giving Angels Woman's Fellowship have changed their meeting date and time to the first Tuesday of each month from 10:00am to 12:00pm and adding a second meeting on the third Tuesday of each month from 10:00am to 12:00pm to make crafts for the December 3rd craft fair. **Anyone is welcomed to join the group to make crafts**