

WORSHIP GUIDE

October 2, 2022 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How shall we sing the Lord's song in a land of suffering?

P: We shall sing of courage and the strength of the Lord.

L: How shall we sing the Lord's song when we feel so lonely?

P: We shall sing of unity and faithfulness, of reconciliation and hope.

L: Come, let us sing the Lord's song this day.

P: Let us praise God in all our ways forever. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: *UMH 577 God of Grace and God of Glory*

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, throughout the world today, Christians are sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We come together with a bountiful table set in the midst of struggle and strife. Help us to receive the elements of bread and wine for the nourishment of our souls and for the strengthening of our witness to your love for us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Lamentation 1:1-6

2Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17: 5-10

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

P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *W&S 3168 Come to the Table*

MESSAGE: *Free*

Betty Frederic

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *W & S 3121 If You Believe and I Believe*



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.**")

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

L: With the weepers we weep. With the warriors we yearn for peace.
With the exiles we wander far from home, for our hearts wander far from you.
We live in an uncertain world— time and again we turn to people who promise us security.
But God, you are our only source of safety. Help us turn to you, our heart's true home.
Call us again and lead us home. Author of peace, teach us to seek our peace in you.

**P: Source of every blessing,
forgive us for the multitude of our transgressions.
Rekindle a spirit of love and self-discipline within us,
through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Our Savior Jesus Christ abolished sin and death and brought life and immortality to light.
By the grace of the Eternal One, you are forgiven in the power of the Holy Spirit
living within us.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God, 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.

****Song of Thanksgiving:**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow # 95 UMH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (turn to page 13 of the UMH)

CLOSING HYMN: UMH 374 *Standing On the Promises*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

God has given us a spirit of power and love.

**Let us go forth into the world
in the power of God's Spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:

The Tuesday Evening Meal Program will once again be offering free meals for curbside pick up on the 2nd and fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next Tuesday Meal will be on October 11th.

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 starting with a macramé class lead by Ila on September 20th 10:00am to 12:00pm.**