

WORSHIP GUIDE

October 23, 2022 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things....

P: So God pours love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

L: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

P: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

L: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

P: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: *UMH # 361 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. AMEN.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Joel 2:23-32

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

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

P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *W&S # 3159 Let Our Earth Be Peaceful*

MESSAGE: *Are We Really Listening?*

Gene Rouse

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *UMH #352 It's Me, It's Me, O Lord*

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

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.

**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

CLOSING HYMN: *ANGEL BAND*

The latest sun is sinking fast

My race is nearly run

My strongest trials now are past

My triumph is begun

Chorus

O come, angel band

Come and around me stand

O bear me away on your snowy wings

To my immortal home

O bear me away on your snowy wings

To my immortal home

I know I'm near the holy ranks

Of friends and family dear

I've brushed the dew on Jordon's bank's

The crossing must be near

Chorus

I've almost gained my heavenly home

My spirit loudly sings

The Holy one before me comes

I hear the noise of wings

Chorus

O bear my longing heart to him

Who bled and died for me

Whose blood now cleanses from all sin

And gives me victory

Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness. Go from this place knowing that God's blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others. Be at peace and bring the good news of God's love and peace to all whom you meet. 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.*

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 Oct. 25th.

CHOPSUEY! To guarantee your meal, call by Monday, October 24th

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 of 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**