

WORSHIP GUIDE

November 6, 2022 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Take courage, all you people.

P: Take courage, says the Holy One, for I am with you.

L: Do not be afraid, for God's Spirit is with us.

P: The Holy One watches over all who come in love.

L: Let our mouths speak the praise of God.

P: Let us bless God's holy name forever and ever.

OPENING HYMN: *UMH #103 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

OPENING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, our God. You watch over all who love you, and are near to all who call on your name. You are God of the living, calling us to bring the good news of your grace and love. As we gather to praise and bless you, fill us with your Spirit, and give us the courage to be your people, the Body of Christ. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who died and rose and lives Within us and through us, AMEN.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Haggai 1:15b -2:1-9

Epistle Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

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

P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *UMH #393*

Spirit of the Living God

MESSAGE:

Pastor Jen

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *UMH # 578 God of Love and God of Power*



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.**")

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

L: Blessed are you, Holy One, our God. You call us to speak your praises,
To let the world know that you are great and mighty.

**P: Yet we are silent when people say there is no God. We are afraid to let them know
What we believe.**

L: You call us to bring good news to the brokenhearted, and to be your living body
To a broken and hurting world.

**P: Yet, we are afraid to claim your promise of grace, filled as we are with despair
at the problems we see around us.**

L: Forgive us when we forget your promise to bring justice and kindness.

P: Forgive us when we are neither just nor kind.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Hear the Good News, when we call on God in truth and love, God hears our cry and saves us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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*

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

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**