

WORSHIP GUIDE

March 12, 2023 3rd Sunday in Lent

LEARNING TO LIVE FROM THE INSIDE OUT



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

P: **We are learning to follow Jesus.**

L: The way is long, and we are thirsty.

P: **We seek the living waters of Jesus.**

L: We feel the weight of scarcity warring with hopeful whispers of abundance.

P: **We need the living waters of Jesus.**

L: We wonder if God will provide us with what we need, *here* and *now*.

P: **As God gives us the living waters of Jesus, so God calls us to quench the thirst and meet the needs of our neighbors.**

L: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

P: **We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: *W&S 3096 Gentle Shepherd*

OPENING PRAYER:

**Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—
hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times.
Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love.
Open us to the possibilities of friendship— the possibilities of encountering you
in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous
in everyday life as we continue in learning how to live inside out. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-42

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *TFWS 2025 As the Deer*

MESSAGE: *Give Me Water*

Betty Frederic

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *TFWS #2132 You Who Are Thirsty*

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND WITH THANKSGIVING

SONG BEFORE AND AFTER 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.**")

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: *W&S 3093 Like the Woman at the Well*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

As you leave today, may you be blessed with thirst that produces compassion,
with living waters that restore your soul,
and with a heart flowing with the healing waters
that our parched world desperately needs. Amen.

CENTENARY COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST: Lord, our faith community prays for the following people and situations: Wanda Hemond and Shawna Elliot at the loss of their mother Rosa; Gene and Amy Rouse, Tracey and Mason Woods; Kevin Tansey's sister, Trisha; Betty Frederic and mother, Pearl; Larry James; Toni Jo and John Blaisdell; Linda and Wendy Eaton; Marj Coburn Black; Wanda Quimby and Al Quimby; Darcy Lyons; Bonnie Young's brother; Skip Young's brothers; Diane and Jim Arsenault; Diane Arsenault's brother, Dick Doucette; Jim Arsenault's Brother, Paul; Ila, David, and Bryce Libby; Janice and John Malek – for John's rehab. from surgery, for the healing of their daughter, Rebecca; Ken Fitzherbert; Babbett; Josh Breton; Rodney Brown and his mother, Clarissa; Cindy Travers; Kim Violette's sister Jody and her niece, Taylor; Kim Violette's father and her mother, Carol; the Chase family; Foster children everywhere; victims and survivors of domestic violence; people struggling with housing and food insecurity; the Skowhegan Police Dept. Fire Dept. E.M. T.s; Health Care Workers; Teachers and educators everywhere and their support staff. The people of Ukraine; We pray for peace. Our Bishop, the Rev. Peggy Johnson

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 March 14.

Please call by Monday, March 13th to reserve your meal.

SKOWHEGAN AREA YOUTH GROUP

Thursdays from 3:30-7:30 pm at Centenary UMC on the Dr. Mann Rd. Tutoring, dinner, 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

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 ap-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.