

WORSHIP GUIDE

March 26, 2023 5th 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 journey is long, and the burden of our sins and struggles feels so heavy.

P: **Yet we will hope in God because with God, there is steadfast love.**

L: All around us, we witness neighbors and communities who are lifeless, despairing that they could ever be revived.

P: **Yet God tells us that to come back to life, we must come together.**

L: Year after year of change and struggle have taken their toll—how can anyone bring forth life when we feel so parched and tired?

P: **Yet God meets the lifeless with the breath of life, reviving us again to worship and follow God's way.**

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: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH pg. 420*

OPENING PRAYER:

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk— places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. When we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim within this place of worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1st Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

2nd Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 130

Gospel Lesson: John 11:1-45

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Let All Things Now Living TFWS pg. 2008*

MESSAGE: *Who Could Stand?*

Gene Rouse

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name UMH pg. 154*

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: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand UMH pg. 474*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

May God bless you to be a community
that comes to life with and for one another
as God's Breath of Life sustains us on our journey. 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; Jane Fields; 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 at the loss of Jim's sister, Donna; 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

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER HAPPENINGS:

Thursday, April 6th. 5PM- Maundy Thursday Meal: A communal meal will be shared in the fellowship hall with the Skowhegan Area Youth Group. Menu: Soup, salad, bread, dessert. If you are willing and able to help in providing something for the meal please see Pastor Jen

Thursday, April 6th. 6PM-Maundy Thursday Service: Held in the sanctuary. This service is a time to remember Jesus' vision of beloved community– this will include a hand-washing service and celebration of Holy Communion.

Friday, April 7th. 12PM—5:30PM –Good Friday Prayer Vigil: The Chapel will be open for prayer and meditation.

Sunday, April 9th. 7 AM: Easter Sunrise Service in Coburn Park: Meet at the Gazebo

8:30 AM *Easter Breakfast CUMC Fellowship Hall*

10:30 AM *Worship Service CUMC Sanctuary*

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 28. Chicken Alfredo Meal.

Please call by Monday, March 27th 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.