

WORSHIP GUIDE April 2, 2023- Palm/Passion Sunday



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give thanks to God for God is good;

P: **God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!**

L: We give thanks to God who answers us, for God is our saving help!

P: **The stone the builders rejected is now the cornerstone! Hosanna!**

L: Our salvation is at hand!

P: **It is marvelous to behold! Hosanna!**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: **Let us rejoice and be glad! Hosanna!**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: **Come save us, Lord! Hosanna!**

L: Give thanks to God for God is good;

P: **God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!**

OPENING HYMN: *UMH 280 All Glory Laud and Honor*

OPENING PRAYER

**Today, God, we rejoice with Christians everywhere that there was at least one day when Jesus received the recognition he deserved. We rejoice, knowing that his triumphal entry means that truth cannot remain hidden and that good hearts everywhere recognize truth when it appears. We [persist] in hope with people on many continents, in many circumstances who are waiting for the day when their truth can be told. We [persevere] with them in faith knowing that the same God who could have commanded the rocks to shout truth in Jerusalem will not allow truth to be suppressed and good people to be crushed forever. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 21:1-11

Matthew 26:36-46a

Philippians 2:5-11

Psalms 31: 9-16

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *W&S 3082 Who Is He*

MESSAGE: *Praising/Prayer*

*Betty Frederic*

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *W&S. 3115 Covenant Prayer*

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

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

L: We confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice.

**P: We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus by our sins both secret and known.**

**Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed.**

L: For the sake of Jesus Christ, do not hold our sins against us.

**P: Jesus Christ, our King of glory, we have not been outspoken for you.**

L: We have not called for your death, but neither have we shouted of your greatness, nor expressed delight in the salvation you have won for us.

**P: Help us to see your glory, draw us closer to you that we may become more faithful and more joyful servants of the King.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Psalmist says: But I trust in you, O Lord, I say 'You are my God.'

My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.

Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love."

In Christ, God hears; God answers; God sets us free.

In 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)

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.**

CLOSING HYMN: *UMH 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BENEDICTION**

L: Give thanks to God for God is good!

P: **God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!**

L: We go from this place crying out for salvation!

P: **Come, save us! Hosanna!**

L: We go from this place ready to follow Jesus to the garden, the cross, and the tomb.

P: **Come, save us! Hosanna!**

L: We go from this place ready to pay attention as the waving of palms turns to a sentence of crucifixion.

P: **Come. Save us. Hosanna.**

L: We go from this place knowing that even in death, God's love endures.

P: **Come. Save us. Hosanna.**

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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; 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 and her 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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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*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: Soups Casseroles, salad, bread, dessert. PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP SHEET AT THE BACK OF SANCTUARY if you are willing and able to help in providing something for the meal, set up, and clean up.

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. PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP SHEET AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY IF YOU ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP IN LEADING WORSHIP.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 April 11th. -- To reserve your meal, please order by Monday, April 10th

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.

SKOWHEGAN AREA YOUTH GROUP

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