

WORSHIP GUIDE

April 30, 2023 4th Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Can you hear the voice of God?

P: **We hear God calling us by name.**

L: Are you troubled or distressed?

P: **We come here to find a place to rest for awhile.**

L: Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

P: **We come to praise our Shepherding God,
whose pathways and doors lead to life.**

OPENING HYMN: *You Are My All in All W&S 3040*

OPENING PRAYER: **Shepherding God, bring us into your fold.**

Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls.

Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live.

Help us hear your voice calling our name.

Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life

**as we join with others: praising your name, celebrating your great goodness,
and sharing your love for all people. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle: Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Open the Eyes of my Heart W&S 3009*

MESSAGE:

Austin Wickett

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord TFWS 2131*

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.

Hymn: *Here I am Lord UMH #593*

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: *Mighty to Save W&S #3038*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

We have been refreshed and restored.
We have been called and guided.
Let us go forth knowing who our true shepherd is,
following his path, secure in the knowledge
that goodness and mercy will follow us
all the days of our life. 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 Diane Arsenault's brother, Leo 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 May 9th. Pasta Salad w/ dessert.

Please call by Monday, May 8th to reserve your meal.

FELLOWSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

- Adult Sunday School: Sundays @ 9:00 am Kidzone
- 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.