

WORSHIP GUIDE May 7, 2023 Trinity Sunday



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Architect of the universe, Creator of heaven and earth,

P: We join together in awe and wonder to praise Your name.

L: Spirit of Life, breathing life into all and moving us to justice,

P: We worship as one body with many gifts of use to the world.

L: Jesus Christ, the True Son, who lived and died and lives again for us,

P: We follow Your way, Your truth, and Your life as disciples.

L: Holy God, Blessed Three-In-One,

P: Though we do not fully understand, we trust in You,

And worship, follow, and join with You on this journey of faith.

OPENING HYMN: *UMH #145 Morning Has Broken*

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. O Holy One we sing Your praise, and on this Trinity Sunday we sing and pray in the metaphor we know best to describe You. Yet we know our words our inadequate to capture the fullness of Your being, of Your majestic work in creation. Your thoughts are beyond our comprehension. The words of Scripture are still not enough to tell Your whole story, but they do tell us enough: we are to love. We are to love one another, love this earth that You made and care for it as we care for ourselves, and we are to love You. Guide us into ways of care instead of harm. Teach us how to live out Your loving-kindness with one another and ourselves. Keep us to Your ways as taught by Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, now and always. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *#77UMH How Great Thou Art*

MESSAGE:

Pastor Jen

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *UMH #572 Pass It On*

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.**")

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

L: God of grace and glory, who are we that you are mindful of us? You sustain us through the gift of your indwelling presence.

P: Yet, we turn from you again and again, and succumb to feelings of inadequacy and despair.

L: We turn from communion with you and with one another, even though it is in community that we have the strength to endure the mystery of your glory and weight of our failings.

P: Claim us anew as your beloved children, and we will be healed.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessings of the Holy Spirit are ours without price or condition. Rejoice in this good news and live.

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)

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 #389 Freely, Freely*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Go forth in the fulness of holy mystery, May the love of God enfold you

May the grace of Jesus Christ flow through you.

And may the communion of the Holy Spirit complete you. 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; 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, 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 and her sister Jody and her niece, Taylor; 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

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 -- MINI ITALIANS

To reserve your meal, please order by Monday, May 8th

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.

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

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