

WORSHIP GUIDE May 7, 2023 The Fifth Sunday of Easter



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Once we were not a people,

P: but now we are God's people.

L: Once we were alone,

P: but together we are the household of God.

L: Here in this time of worship,

And later when we go forth to serve,

P: Christ is our cornerstone, strengthening us for the journey.

L: In our living and in our dying,

P: Christ is our sure foundation,

Strengthening us along the way.

OPENING HYMN: *To God Be the Glory UMH pg. 98*

OPENING PRAYER

Shine your face upon us,

**O God. Help us see your face in one another
and hear your voice in the words that are spoken.**

**Through your grace, make us holy,
that we may offer spiritual sacrifices
that honor and glorify your holy name. AMEN.**

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

Gospel: John 14:1-14

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *His Eye is on the Sparrow TFWS pg. 2146*

MESSAGE: *Heart Trouble*

Gene Rouse

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Holy Ground TFWS pg. 2272*

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: Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone.

P: We wonder where you are. We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt.

L: When you do not immediately grant the prayers of our cries, we begin to doubt that you even care or exist.

P: Stop us from going down this path of self-destruction. Help us look around and find the many ways in which you have blessed our lives.

L: Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt and so arrogant in our demands of your responses.

P: Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even in the midst of doubt and darkness, the light of God is shining in you, on you, and through you. Out of God's great love, you have been redeemed and made whole. Rejoice, beloved of God! 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: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God UMH pg. 110*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you,

everywhere, you may go.

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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