

WORSHIP GUIDE July 2, 2023

5th Sunday After Pentecost

Centering Words: *God's love is steadfast, inviting us to rejoice and find eternal life in love of God and others.*



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Holy One calls us to trust God's steadfast love. With our ancestor Abraham we say:

**P: "Here I am."**

L: The Holy One calls us to be guided by the prophets. With the first followers of Jesus we say:

**P: "Here I am."**

L: The Holy One calls us into eternal life. With the Gospel writers we say:

**P: "Here I am."**

L: Let us worship the God who calls us.

AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: *UMH # 420 Breath on Me, Breath of God*

OPENING PRAYER

**Wellspring of Grace, Teacher of Truth, Breath of Resurrection, you welcome us into your life, and invite us to welcome others with a cup of water, a bite of bread, a moment of conversation. As we drink from the overflowing spring of your endless love, fill our hearts with thanksgiving and joy, that we may become the body of Christ pouring our lives into a world earning to be filled. AMEN.**

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew Matthew 10:40-42

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *UMH #369 Blessed Assurance*

MESSAGE:

*Pastor Jen*

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *TFWS #2126 All Who Hunger*

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: Teacher of Truth, you tell us to welcome prophets and teachers, and to give to those in need.

**P: Yet we want to hug your salvation to ourselves and keep your gifts for our own use.**

L: You call us to be servants of your teaching, and to remember that we are no longer slaves to sin.

**P: Yet we want to continue doing what we have always done before, hanging onto old habits and opinions, even when you show us a better way.**

L: You even offer us eternal life when we surrender to your will.

**P: Forgive us, Holy One, when we mistake our will for your own. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is a wellspring of grace, offering the gift of eternal life to all who do God's will..

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: *TFWS #2241 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

With prophets and teachers and all who seek to do the will of God-

Go forth to fill the empty cups of all who ask,

Let us give in the name of the Wellspring of Grace-The God who gives eternal life. AMEN.

CENTENARY COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST: Lord, our faith community prays for the following people and situations: Kevin Tansey's sister, Trisha; Betty Frederic and mother, Pearl; Larry James; Toni Jo and John Blaisdell; Linda and Wendy Eaton; Marj Coburn Black, Marj's cousins-Samantha Brown and Barbara Harvey, friend-Judy Steen, Billie Sherman; 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; Janice and John Malek –for the healing of their daughter, Rebecca; Ken Fitzherbert; Babbett; Josh Breton; Rodney Brown and his mother, Clarissa; Kim Violette and her mother, Carol, 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 D.S. the Rev. Arlene Tully, Bishop, the Rev. Peggy Johnson

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\*The Clothes Closet, CUP Café, and Thrift Shop will be closed on Wednesday, July 5th so that our volunteers can spend time with their families over the July 4th holiday. We will resume our regular hours on Wednesday, July 12th. \*\***

**\*\* Pastor Jen will be away on vacation and spiritual renewal beginning Monday, July 3rd and returning on Sunday, August 6th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please reach out to our SPRC chair, Janice Malek at 207-313-3733.\*\***

### 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\*\*\*

A message from the Tuesday Evening Meal Team:

We have enjoyed serving you during the Fall 2022-Spring 2023 season! As has become our practice, we will be stepping away from the Tuesday meal program for the months of June-August. We look forward to starting up again in September on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Happy Summer to all!

## 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