

WORSHIP GUIDE

July 9, 2023 6th Sunday after Pentecost



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come on in and find some rest!

P: We need that rest, for we are weary!

L: Come on in and discover peace!

P: We need peace, for our spirits are weighed down by troubles.

L: You have come to the right place! Our Lord is here, waiting for you.

P: Thanks be to God, who brings us rest and peace. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: *TFWS 2271 Come, Come Everybody Worship*

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of peace and hope, we open our hearts to you this day. Be with us as we hear your words of inspiration and healing. Guide our hearts and spirits as we seek to be witnesses to your redeeming and reconciling love. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

L: The Word of God for us the people of God,

P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *TFWS 2158 Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

MESSAGE: PB & J

Betty Frederic

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *TFWS 2142 Blessed Quietness*

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.

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.

OFFERING

This is the 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 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: W&S 3093 Fill My Cup Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Weary travelers,

go now in peace with the love of Christ in your hearts.

You are released from your burdens!

Go with joy to serve God. 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation to Church Summer Cookout:

When: Saturday, July 1, 2023

Where: Jim and Diane Arsenault's 212 Swain Hill Road, Skowhegan

Time: 2PM.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able.

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

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.