

WORSHIP GUIDE

June 18, 2023 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Centering Words: *Ever present God, help us to focus our hearts and minds on you!*



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

P: We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.

L: Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

P: We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.

L: God is good; Praise be to God!

P: The love and mercy of God never fails. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: *TFWS # 2236 Gather Us In*

OPENING PRAYER: **Lord, this day we will hear of the miracles that have inspired people to be your disciples. We will hear of Sarah, who in her old age, conceived a son; we will hear of the disciples who are given the mandate to heal, to raise the dead, to proclaim the kingdom and the good news of God's redeeming love. We stand in that long line of those who are called. We are ready to work for you that this broken world may be healed. AMEN.**

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

Romans 5:1-8

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

P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *TFWS #2223 They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love*

MESSAGE:

Kevin Tansey

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *W & S #3042 Shout to the North*

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 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: *If I Had a Hammer (by Peter, Paul, and Mary) see words on last page of guide.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

When you leave this place, go with confidence in God's gracious love and mercy.

Go, ready to proclaim the good news and serve our Lord by caring for others. 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 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 mother, Carol; 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 and our District Superintendent, Rev. Arlene Tully

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.

If I had a Hammer (By Peter, Paul, and Mary)

*If I had a hammer
I'd hammer in the morning
I'd hammer in the evening
All over this land
I'd hammer out danger
I'd hammer out a warning
I'd hammer out love between
My brothers and my sisters, ah-ah
All over this land*

*If I had a bell
I'd ring it...*

*If I had a song
I'd sing it...*

*I got a hammer
And I've got a bell
And I've got a song to sing
All over this land
It's the hammer of justice
It's the bell of freedom
It's the song about love between
My brothers and my sisters*