

**WORSHIP GUIDE**

**August 20, 2023**



**WE GATHER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you, Lord;

**People: Lord, hear our voices , Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.**

Leader: Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

**People: we will wait for the Lord, with our whole being we will wait,  
and in his word we put our hope.**

Leader: We wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

**People: For with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.**

**All: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**OPENING HYMN:** UMH 130 God Will Take Care of You

**OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, like Joseph, when we look backwards at our lives,  
we can often see the places you were with us, even if we didn't notice it at the time: subtly nudging  
us into the right direction, comforting us in times of pain and loss, nurturing us to grow from our  
challenges, celebrating with us in our joys and successes, working anonymously through coin-  
cidence and instinct. Give us the faith to trust in you no matter what we face. AMEN

**WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Old Testament: Genesis 45:1-15

New Testament: Matthew 15:10-28

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** TFWS 2151 I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

Children's Message

John Malek

Message: Scandal, Deceit and Betrayal

Gene Rouse

**HYMN OF RESPONSE:** TFWS 2140 Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND WITH THANKSGIVING

SONG BEFORE AND AFTER PRAYER: TFWS 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this  
Lord listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us peace.**

**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**".)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name, the kingdom come, the 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 your community that is making a positive difference in people's lives.

**Song of Thanksgiving:** UMH 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghose. AMEN**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Closing Hymn:** UMH 140 Great is Thy Faithfulness

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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## **BENEDICTION**

So go now into the world and:  
Give me the freedom of forgiving  
And the peace that it will bring  
Let the anger that I've clung to fade away  
Let me live within the moment  
Let the spirit within me sing  
With the freedom of forgiving every day

## **CENTENARY COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST:**

Lord, our faith community prays for the following people and situations:

Katrina; Jane Frazier; Larry James; Toni Jo and John Blaisdell; Linda and Wendy Eaton; Samantha Brown; Barbara Harvey; Judy Steen; Billie Sherman; Al and Wanda Quimby; Darcy Lyons; Kim Poirier; Jim and Diane Arsenault; Diane's brother, Leo Doucette; Diane's son Edie Hiltonen; Paul Breglia; John Malek; Ken Fitzherbert; Babbett; John Breton; Rodney Brown and his mother Clarissa; Carol Taylor; Cindy Travers. Foster children everywhere; Health Care workers; victims and survivors of domestic violence; people struggling with housing and food insecurity; Skowhegan Police, Fire, and EMT departments; Teachers and educators everywhere and their support staff. The people of Ukraine. Our D.S. Reverend Arlene Tully, The Bishop, and Reverend Peggy Johnson. We pray for peace.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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: Wednesday @ 1:00-2:30 PM (see Pastor Jen)
- ◆ Giving Angels Women's Fellowship 1st Tuesday of each month @ 10 AM to NOON

### **HEART AND HANDS THRIFT SHOP**

The Thrift Shop is open Wednesdays 9 AM to NOON.

Call Jim Barto @ (207) 858-0257 to arrange drop off of donations or for more information.

### **CLOTHES CLOSET**

The Clothes Closet is open Wednesdays 9 AM to NOON and 5 PM to 7 PM.

## **CUP CAFÉ**

Cup Café is open Wednesdays 8 AM to NOON. Free Wi-fi is available.

Each week we offer a free light lunch, hot chocolate, coffee and snacks.

## **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

Our medical lending program makes available wheelchairs, walkers, cans, crutches, etc.

Call (207) 474-03915, leave your name and phone number. Someone will return your call and set and appointment for pick up.

Join after the service in Fellowship Hall for a snack and fellowship.