

WORSHIP GUIDE

August 13, 2023

No matter how strong the storm, how threatening the waves, Jesus calls us to trust in his love and mercy. Rejoice in his goodness; rely on his power in all things.



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me."

People: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!

Leader: "When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea"

People: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

Leader: God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

People: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: UMH 127 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

OPENING PRAYER

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy, and peace for all the times ahead. AMEN.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle: Romans 10:5-15

New Testament: Matthew 14:22-33

Psalter UMH 828 Psalm 105:1-11

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 512 Stand By Me

MESSAGE: Where Are You Stepping

Betty Frederic

HYMN OF RESPONSE: Worship and Song 3101 Love Lifted Me

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: Worship and Song Step By Step

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

You have been embraced by the love of God,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
And blessed by Jesus to go into this world
To offer healing and hope. Go in peace. AMEN.

CENTENARY COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST:

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

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.

