

**WORSHIP GUIDE**

**September 10, 2023**



**WE GATHER**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome to this community of faith.

**P: We come seeking hope and courage for the future.**

L: Here you will find peace, hope, love and joy.

**P: We come weighed down by difficulties in our lives.**

L: Here you will find Jesus who will take your burdens on himself.

**P: Lord, we come to you this day in need of your mercy and love. AMEN.**

**OPENING HYMN: UMH #117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Old Testament: Exodus 12:1-14

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

**HYMN OF PREPARATION: TFWS #2060 God the Sculptor of the Mountains**

**MESSAGE: Pastor Jen**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE: UMH# 128 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought**

**SONG BEFORE AND AFTER PRAYER: TFWS # 2139 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

**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**

## **SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

**CONFESSION AND PARDON (turn to UMH page 12)**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Feel God's healing love pouring over you and into your lives. Know that God delights in each one of you and will always be present to you. 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 for Offering** TFWS # 2041 Thou Art Worth

**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 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 # 2234 Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BENEDICTION**

You are prepared to walk away from the darkness into the light. Go into this world confident in Christ's love and God's eternal presence with you. Go to be a witness for good and a bearer of peace to all you meet. Go in peace! AMEN.

## **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; Blaine Elliot; 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; Blaine Elliot; Ken Fitzherbert; Babbett; John Benton; 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

### **FREE TUESDAY MEAL**

Free Tuesday evening drive-through meal will return **Tuesday, September 12th!**

Tuesday, September 12th: Pulled Pork

Call the church @ 207-474-3915.

Leave your name and # of meals. **Please call by Monday, September 11th to reserve your meal.**

Pick-up time is between 5-6 PM that evening.

### **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.

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