

WORSHIP GUIDE

September 24, 2023 .



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship: UMH page 828 Psalter 105:1-6

OPENING HYMN: Worship & Song 3008 Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord

OPENING PRAYER

Oh, Creator God

We gather before you today with hearts filled with gratitude and reverence. As we embark on this journey together, we humbly seek your guidance, wisdom, and blessings. Grant us the strength to face the challenges ahead with faith and courage, and may your love and grace shine upon us in all that we do. We place our trust in your divine presence, knowing that with you, all things are possible. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 16:2-15

Palm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

HYMN OF PREPARATION: Worship and Song # 3040 You are my All in All

MESSAGE: Austin Wickett

HYMN OF RESPONSE: Worship and Song 3038 Mighty to Save

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND WITH THANKSGIVING

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (after each time of silence, we will 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.

Special Music: Bless The Lord, O My Soul

Austin

**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: TFWS 2218 You are Mine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Oh Lord Our Redeemer

May the grace of our Lord be with us as we depart from this gathering, and may His love continue to guide us in all our endeavors. As we go forth, may we be beacons of light and sources of inspiration to those we encounter, sharing the blessings we've received. May peace, joy, and harmony surround us, and may we find strength in our unity. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we offer this benediction. **AMEN**

CENTENARY COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST:

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

Kim Violette's partner, Bruce and his mother Sheila; Larry Tilton's father; 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, Lenny Doucette; Diane's son Edie Hiltonen; Paul Breglia; 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

"Compassion Cures" a Maine-based documentary is being offered by CUMC and CUP will be shown **Thursday, September 28th 6-8 PM**. This is being provided in partnership with the Substance Use Disorder Task Force of Somerset County. Following the movie there will be time for reflection and discussion. Come and be a part of breaking down stigmas related to SUDs

Laity Sunday is October 22, 2023. This year's theme is "Therefore, go! in Hope Through Engagement." Laity Sunday is an annual worship service that calls the Church to celebrate the ministry of Christians of all ages in the home, workplace, congregation, community, and world. Members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to take part in assisting in the leadership of the service. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for folks who are interested in taking part. Sign up today!

Tuesday Evening Meal: September 26th . Chicken Fajita Drive-Thru Meal. Call the church at 207-474-3915, leave your name and number of meals, pick up time is between 5- PM that evening. **We ask that you call by Monday, Sept. 25th to reserve your free meal.**

Woodlawn Rehabilitation in Skowhegan recently contacted Pastor Jen inquiring if there might be folks interested in volunteering at their facility. This would include visits, small

activities, playing the piano, and singing. If you are interested, please contact Kim Pawgany at 207-474-9300.

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) 474-3915, leave your name and phone number. Someone will return your call and set and appointment for pick up.

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