

WORSHIP GUIDE

October 29, 2023



WE GATHER:

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 90)

L: Turn to the Lord with yearning and with hearts ready to serve.

P: **May God turn our mourning into singing and our sorrows to laughter.**

L: Come before the Lord with hope and expectation.

P: **May God turn our weeping into celebration and our grief into shouts of joy.**

L: Turn to the Lord with yearning and with hearts ready to serve.

OPENING HYMN: UMH 110 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

HYMN OF PREPARATION: TFWS 2167 More Like You

MESSAGE: Moses Left Behind

Gene Rouse

HYMN OF RESPONSE: TFWS 2010 Praise Ye the Lord

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND WITH THANKSGIVING

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

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 prayers”**).

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

Special Music during offertory:

Offering Hymn: UMH 95 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN: UMH 572 Pass It On

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Go forth into this aching, hurting world with God’s love, offering all healing, hope, and peace.

Go in peace.

May God’s peace surround you always. AMEN.

CENTENARY COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST:

Lord, our faith community prays for the following people and situations: Jeff Ellis; Cookie Gravel; Lori Trevains; Darcy Lyon; Kim Violette’s partner, Bruce ; Jane Frazier; Larry James and his mother Diane; Wendell Prosser; Judy Steen; Toni Jo and John Blaisdell; Linda and Wendy Eaton; Samantha Brown; Barbara Harvey; Billie Sherman; Al and Wanda Quimby; Kim Poirier; Jim and Diane Arsenault; Diane’s brother, Lenny Doucette; Diane’s son Edie Hiltonen; Paul Breglia; Ken Fitzherbert; Babbett; John Benton; Rodney Brown and his mother Clarissa; Carol Taylor; Cindy Travers Blaine and Shawna Elliott. 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

All Saints Sunday w/ celebration of Holy Communion Sunday, November 5 th :

An opportunity to remember and give thanks for someone who impacted your faith journey. Bring a picture of this saint to place on the table at the front of the sanctuary on this day of remembrance. There are those from among us who need to be acknowledged, to be remembered. And yes, there is grief in the recognition of death, but there is also joy in the promise of eternity and the gratitude for the legacy that remains. On this day, we proclaim that we are who we are because of those who have gone before. But we also give thanks for the saints who are still with us; today is a celebration of the life and ministry of the church. We also hold out hope for the vision of the church to be, the church of every nation, all tribes and peoples. It is a celebration of community.

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.

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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