

WORSHIP GUIDE

November 12, 2023



WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalter 78:1-4 UMH 799

OPENING HYMN: UMH 724 On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful and Everlasting God, we come to you this day full of concern. Our world is challenged with woes over war. The Middle East and our whole world wait with each breath wondering what will happen. We long for days of peace, and then realize that peace is still far off the radar. God of kindness, as the Psalmist once said in chapter 34: "Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it (Psalm 34: 14 ESV.) Why can't we put aside ways of war and learn to get along? Why can't we put differences aside and seek ways of tolerance? Yet beyond tolerance, we need and seek ways of acceptance. Our hearts await peace and justice, but we seem to be a far cry away from that. Be with people of all sides— the innocents especially. We pray for displaced families which include children and ask for mercy. Be with this world, Our God, so full of strife and hate at this moment. Inspire in us the yearning to bring about peace. Amen

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Matthew 25:1-13

Children's Message

John Malek

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 572 Pass It On

Message

Betty Frederic

HYMN OF RESPONSE: TFWS 2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND WITH THANKSGIVING

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

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

Offertory Chorus: TFWS 2150 Lord Be Glorified

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Closing Hymn: TFWS 2172 We Are Called

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God has called and chosen you to be witnesses to hope and peace in God's world. Go in peace and this same healing, reconciling love and peace will be with you. Go and serve the Lord your God in all that you do. 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 and his mother Sheila; Larry Tilton's father; 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.

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

Tuesday Drive-Thru Meal: November 14th: Chicken Alfredo Meal

Call the church: 207-474-3915. Leave your name and the number of meals.

Pick up between 5 PM -6 PM that evening. Please reserve your meal by Monday, November 13th

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY/ADVENT STUDY

Beginning Wednesday, November 29 th -Wednesday, Dec. 20 th Pastor Jen will be offering a study based on the preaching texts for the sermon series, "Prepare the Way of the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist." Be on the lookout for a study guide at the back of the sanctuary in the next couple of weeks.

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.