

BENEDICTION:

Place your trust in God's guidance.

Go into this world that is in such need of hope and healing with the love of Christ in your hearts.

Though the journey is long, God will sustain you.

Go in peace, and may God's peace always go with you. AMEN.

CENTENARY COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST:

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

Kim Violette's daughter and grandkids, Kelsey, Brook & Ava, Wendell Bowman; Judy Rouse and family; Pastor Jen; Val Withee; Lori Talbot; Robin Kelley; Peggy York; Ralph & Marge Black; Phyllis Chamberlin; Scott Bosworth; Patsy Miller; Darcy Lyons; Lori Trevains; Taylor; Dr. Shay; Wendell Prosser; Kim Poirier; Larry James & family; Barbara Harvey; Judy Steen; Paul Bregila Toni Jo & John Blaisdell; Linda & Wendy Eaton; Samantha Brown; Billie Sherman; Al & Wanda Quimby; Ken Fitzherbert; Jim & Diane Arsenault; Diane's brother Lenny Doucette; Diane's son Edie Hiltonen; Babbett; Cindy Travers; Rodney & his mother Clarissa; Carol Taylor; Blaine & Shawna Elliott; Dave Libby. Foster children; Health Care workers; victims and survivors of domestic violence; people struggling with housing and food insecurity; Skowhegan Police, Fire, and EMT departments. Teachers and educator and their support staff. Our D.S. Reverend Arlene Tully. The Bishop, and Reverend Peggy Johnson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MARCH 10th special collection for Peggy York to help with expenses to replace a burnt out home. Envelopes will be available.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: begins this Tuesday in the Kids Zone. from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. It will meet every Tuesday through March 26th.

Clothes Closet, Cup Café and the Thrift Shop will be open Wednesdays unless weather closes MSAD54.

Have donations for the Thrift Shop? Call James Barto 858-0257.

Centenary UMC

103 Dr. Mann Road
Skowhegan, Maine



March 3, 2024

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Third Sunday of Lent

CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship:

L: Lenten travelers, why are you here?

P: We gather to do the work of worship.

L: Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?

P: We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage.

L: Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?

P: We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another.

L: Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

P: God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another.

L: Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

P: Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

OPENING HYMN TFWS 2271 Come, Come, Everybody Worship

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us an eternal house, a temple of righteousness, a place of gracious plenty for the hungry and abundant life for the poor in spirit.

Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ.

Help us to follow your teachings, and honor your guidelines in our daily lives so that we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed. AMEN.

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament Exodus 20:1-17

Epistle: 1Corinthians 1:18-25

HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 600 Wonderful Words of Life

MESSAGE : Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda

Pastor Jen

HYMN OF RESPONSE: UMH 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

RESPOND IN PRAYER AND WITH THANKSGIVING

SONG BEFORE AND AFTER PRAYER: TFWS 2200 O Lord, Hear Our Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

Offering Chorus TFWS 2223 They Will Know We Are Christians

Song of Thanksgiving UMH 95 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

CONFESSION:

With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know—we have failed to keep your laws.

Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives.

We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own.

Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God shows steadfast love and blesses to the thousandth generation those who [follow] God's ways.

In love, God sent Jesus to bless and redeem God's people.

God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life.

Let us rejoice in God's mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ,

You are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven,

ALL: Glory to God! AMEN!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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CLOSING HYMN: UMH 593: Here I Am, Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

UMH 50

AN ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

(Centenary 2024 Leadership please rise)

Dear friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility.

It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us.

In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world.

Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we install the Centenary Leadership for the 2024 year.

Do you this day acknowledge yourself as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

I will.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church.

Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service.

Keep before them the example of our Lord,

who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.

Let them share his ministry and consecration,

that they may enter into his joy.

Guide them in their work.

Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge

that through them your purposes are accomplished;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards.
Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them
in the responsibilities to which they have been called,
giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?
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