



Second Christian Church of Kittery – U.C.C.
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023 - 10:00 AM

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Air on the G String

J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Call to Community*

(inspired by Psalm 15 and Micah 6)

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Many: Those who do justice. Those who confront inequities and uplift the oppressed.

Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Those who love kindness. Those who love neighbor, friend and foe.

Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Those who walk humbly with you. Those who follow your lead and answer your call.

 **Hymn**

Morning Has Broken (a Winter Edition)

BUNESSAN

Gathering Prayer*

***Just and Loving God, we enter into your sacred spaces,
in sanctuaries and in homes, in public gatherings and private places.
You bridge time and space to forge us into a beloved community.
You, O Sovereign, make plain the way of life for us.
Encourage us to join the journey, to love your children and creation,
and to contribute to your kingdom on earth. Amen,***

 **Gloria**

Hirst/Effenberger

Glory to you, creating One!

Glory to you, redeeming Son!

Glory to you, O Spirit, come!

Meet us now, make us one! Glory to you, O God!

Special Music

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer Before Reading Scripture

God of creation, you write your signature with stars, and your stories in wind.

God of faith, you whisper in the sacred texts of all your children.

***Let us experience this scripture so that it changes us
and we walk among others living out this word of God. Amen,***

The Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

The Message

"Godlike in Happiness"

WE RESPOND

We Share our Joys and Concerns
The Prayers of the People
The Prayer of Our Savior

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen,*

We Offer of Ourselves

Special Music

 Response (#382 in hymnal, v. 1)

SCHUMANN

*We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication*

*Just God, we share our humble offering in hope and trust that, through these gifts,
and through our faithful striving, your kingdom comes and your will is done. Amen,*

WE GO OUT

 Hymn

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

Benediction

 Response

*Let Your Little Light Shine***

P. Warrick-Smith

*Let your little light shine, shine, shine. Let your little light shine, all night long,
'cause there might be someone down in the valley tryin' to get home.
It might be me or it might be you, it might be a brother or a sister too,
but you know there's someone down in the valley tryin' to get home. So...*

Music for Going Out

Giga in D Minor

J.S. Bach

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Welcome one and all! Whether you are gathering with us in person or worshipping with us online,
Remember: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

You have been greeted today by Cassie and Adam Baran.

Our Ushers are Robert and Diane McDonough. Today's Liturgist is Kathy Maloney.

We are pleased to welcome back jazz violinist extraordinaire, and Kittery resident, Jason Anick, who will be sharing his classical side with us today!

Covid-19 Safety Protocols

Currently, masking is optional, but we ask that everyone mask-up when we sing, as indicated with this symbol in your bulletin: 🧐.

Thank you in advance for helping us keep worship as safe as possible.

Second Christian Church of Kittery - UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Rev. Brad Hirst, *Pastor* • Mike Effenberger, *Music Director* • Charles Donnell, *Treasurer*

The Week Ahead:

- **Thursday, Feb. 2**
 - **1:300 pm - *Prayer Time***
 - Join us in person at Wilma Wheeler's house
 - As always, email prayer concerns to us at prayers@2ccucc.org
 - All are welcome!
 - **6:00 pm - *Mission Alignment Team***
- **Friday, Feb. 3**
 - **9:00 am - *Breakfast with Brad***
 - at Kasha's Kitchen - 435 US Rt. 1, Kittery
- **Sunday, Feb. 5 - The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**
 - **10:00 am - *Worship with Holy Communion***
- **Tuesday, Feb. 7**
 - **6:30 pm - *Doorkeepers***

Morning Has Broken

(Winter Edition)

***Morning has woken, like the first morning,
icicles broken, sparkle and shine.
Bulbs' deep creation, bears' hibernation –
pauses our rushing, blesses our time.***

***Sweet the snow's new fall, under Orion,
laughter with snowball, angels spread wide.
Praise for the watching of frozen wonder.
Praise for the welcome that's waiting inside.***

***Mine is the firelight of friendship treasured,
mine is the pleasure
of book read, phone call.
But yours, God, is warming to all who shiver,
our praise is shelter God's children all.***

BUNESSAN

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KELVINGROVE →

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The Summons

***Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you,
and you in me?***

***Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?***

***Will you let the blinded man see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you,
and you in me?***

***Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell that fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?***

***Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go,
where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow in you,
and you in me.***