



Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C
February 4, 2024 - 10:00 AM
Worship with Holy Communion
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

(* You are invited to stand as you are able)

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Call to Community[†]

- from Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c and Isaiah 40: 21-31

One: To whom can we compare you, O Holy One?

Many: We lift up our eyes, we wait upon the Eternal our God.

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

A song of praise is fitting!

Let us worship God together.

*** Hymn #23**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*** Prayer for Transformation and New Life[†]**

***Holy One, we hope in your steadfast love,
and bring to you our broken hearts and our wounded spirits.
Make us aware of the hearts we break, the spirits we wound,
and of those we treat as outcasts, of those we tread down.
Renew us in your grace, renew us in your strength. Amen,***

*** Words of Grace**

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard? God does not grow weary with us,
but loves us, forgives us, and renews us. Go with renewed strength in your walk of faith.

Many: Alleluia! 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!***

The Anthem

Bread of Life
The Second Christian Choir

Joel Raney

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

(J Mary Luti)

Make ancient words new, and lost hopes rise again, as you speak the promise to us this day, O Spirit of Truth, O Life-Giving Breath. Amen,

The Scripture

Isaiah 40:21-31, Mark 1:29-39

The Message

"Good News Travels Fast"

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,

Invitation to Offering

Special Music

* Response (#379 in hymnal)

ELLACOMBE

*Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
transform them into blessings on those we serve today.*

*Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill
the ministry disciples have, empowered to do your will.*

* Dedication of Gifts

God, of all that is, all we have, all we are – we give.

We give these gifts as we reach across the thresholds of our concerns.

We give these gifts, knowing that they will give so much more.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen,

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion †

Invitation

Words of Remembering

(You will be invited to come forward to receive a communion packet)

Prayer of Consecration

Dear God, we pray for your Spirit. Transform, illumine, bless.

*Make these ordinary gifts of grain and fruit into the extraordinary presence of
Christ with us. In so doing, hold us as your own, renew us as your people
for the sake of the world you love. Amen,*

We Share the Elements

One: The bread that we share reminds us that we are one body.

Many: We are fed at this table for ministries of peace and justice.

We share the fruit of the vine remembering that we are connected, one to another.

We are nourished at this table so that we might nourish others.

We Give Thanks

We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence.

We have been led, Eternal One, by your light.

May we bask in this glow, with gratitude and grace, now and forevermore. Amen,

WE GO OUT

* Closing Hymn #424

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

* A Blessing

Music for Going Out

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Welcome to worship! You have been greeted this morning by Sharon and Ernie Wiswell.

Our Ushers are Nadine and Charlie Donnell, and our Liturgist is Laurie Rowan.

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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The Week Ahead:

Monday, February 5:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Wednesday, February 7:

10:00am AA
No Choir Rehearsal this week!

Thursday, February 8:

2:00pm Prayer Time - *via Zoom*

Friday, February 9:

9:00am Breakfast with Brad at *Kasha's Kitchen*

Saturday, February 10:

3:00pm ***A Valentine Tea and Fashion Show***

Sunday, February 11:

10:00am ***Souper Bowl Sunday!***
Second Sunday Jazz Worship
The Last Sunday after Epiphany
1:00pm Super Bowl Subs Pick up!

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all our days.*

*Praise to God for grace and favor
shown to all who are oppressed.
God shows steadfast love for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious is God's faithfulness!*

*Mother-like God tends and spares us;
knowing well our fragile frame.
Father-like, God gently bears us,
tender-hearted, slow to blame.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All within me praise God's name!*

*Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind, and it is gone.
But while mortals rise and perish
God's compassion still lives on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the high eternal One!*

*Angels, teach us adoration
you who see God face to face;
sun and moon, and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!*

LAUDA ANIMA

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Welcome Table

*I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
I'm going to eat at the welcome table,
Allelu.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
Allelu.*

*I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus,
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus,
Allelu.
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus,
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus,
Allelu.*

*I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers,
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers,
Allelu.
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers,
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers,
Allelu.*

*Here all the world will find a welcome,
Here all the world will find a welcome,
Allelu.
Here all the world will find a welcome,
Here all the world will find a welcome,
Allelu.*

*We're gonna feast on milk and honey,
We're gonna feast on milk and honey,
Allelu.
We're gonna feast on milk and honey,
We're gonna feast on milk and honey,
Allelu.*

WELCOME TABLE

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Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring
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