



Second Christian Church of Kittery – U.C.C.
Worship for the Seventh Sunday of Easter
Commitment Sunday
May 21, 2023 - 10:00 AM

**Indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able.*

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

A Call to Community

One: Many are gathered here, hungry for so much:

hungry in your souls, hungry for rest and nourishment, for inspiration and joy.

Many: We will give you something to eat! We have stories of faith and songs of praise.

You who are hungry in body, whose stomachs have known the pain of emptiness

We will give you something to eat!

We have resources to share and a Table big enough for all!

You who are hungry for knowledge of a God of abundance and generosity

We will give you something to eat!

We have stories to share of God's amazing presence and love.

We share because we know there is already more than enough for the people of God,
overflowing in baskets of bread and fish!

We will all eat together nourished by that which Jesus has blessed and shared.

***Hymn #280**

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

***The Gathering Prayer**

Abundant God, we meet you in our wilderness places:

places of chaos, places of uncertainty, places ripe for transformation.

In this sacred space we receive your provision.

***We bring what we have - a few songs, a bit of prayer, a simple meal,
but they are transformed into an overflowing feast of worship.***

***May we have faith that what we give - even a little - when blessed by you,
becomes more than enough. 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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer Before Reading Scripture

*Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen,*

The Scripture Isaiah 43:16-21, Mark 6:30-44

The Message *More Than Enough*

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

A Moment for Stewardship

Tom Baran

Special Music

*Response (#382 in hymnal, v. 1 only)

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

Prayer of Dedication

*Source of every good gift, you have pulled us together to be one people
as the grain on scattered hillsides becomes a single loaf.
Each of us has offered from our individual resources,
we pray that these gifts might become an abundance for feeding your people,
physically and spiritually, through the ministries of this church. Amen,*

WE GO OUT

*Hymn #422

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

Benediction

Music for Going Out

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 this morning by Lois Marshall and Mark Fecteau.
Our Ushers are Tom and Linda Baran and our Liturgist is Kathy Maloney.
Today's Stewardship Moment is brought to you by Tom Baran.

This morning we will be receiving your Commitment Card for this year's Stewardship Campaign. Thank you for prayerfully and faithfully considering your commitment to the ministries of Second Christian Church. If you have not received a commitment card or would like another, please see Nadine Donnell following worship today.

Please join us downstairs following worship as we celebrate our gifts of time, talent and treasure in support of the ministries of Second Christian Church.

The Week Ahead:

Monday May 22:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Wednesday May 24:

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday May 25: *Second Christian Church's 180th Anniversary!*

2:00pm Prayer Time - via Zoom

6:30pm Church Council/Deacons meeting

Friday May 26:

9:00am Breakfast with Brad. Meet us at *Kasha's Kitchen!*

Sunday May 28: *Pentecost!*

10:00am Worship in our Sanctuary or Live on Facebook!
It's ***Pentecost!*** - Everyone wear RED!

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HYMNS

God is Here

*God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.*

*Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, fount, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.*

*Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,*

Christ sustains us as of old.

*Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.*

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the Gospel;
help us work your purpose out.*

*Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!*

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

[Refrain:]

*Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around:
loaves abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one.
At the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share.
God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]*

LINSTEAD

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1975

MUSIC: jamaican folk melody,
adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

ABBOT'S LEIGH

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1978

MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941