



Second Christian Church of Kittery – U.C.C.

Second Sunday Jazz

September 10, 2023 - 10:00 AM

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

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Eclipse

J. Mettam

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Michel

J. Mettam

Call to Community

(adapted from Psalm 98:4–6)

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

Many: Break forth into joyous rhythm and loud praises!

Bring praises to God with the piano,

with the piano and the sound of melody!

With strings and harps and bass fiddle

make a joyful noise before the God of Life!

Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!

Come, let us worship God!

* Hymn #284

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

* A Gathering Prayer †

God who journeys with us,

we give thanks to be gathered in your presence.

May we acknowledge you in the brightness of the day

and in the stillness of the night.

Provide us a vision of your reign on earth and in our lives.

Make us your witnesses to a world in need of hope and peace.

Infuse us with your love,

and may this time gathered as your people transform us

to reflect your goodness in the world. 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

East 73rd

J. Mettam

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

J. Mary Luti

*Ever-living Spirit, give us humility of mind and hospitality of heart
to receive your gracious Word in ancient stories of your faithfulness.*

You have yet more light and truth for us: we long to receive it and understand.

Speak now, for by your grace, your servants are ready. Amen,

The Scripture

Exodus 13:17-21; Matthew 18:15-20

A Musical Interpretation

The Message

"A Roundabout Way"

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

Invitation to Offering

Special Music

Asylum

J. Mettam

* Response (#317 in hymnal)

Amen

African-American

* Dedication of Gifts †

Gracious God, thank you for all the gifts you give

and for allowing us to be gift givers as well.

May our generous offerings bear fruit to nurture our community,

our neighbors, and all creation. Amen,

WE GO OUT

* Hymn #602

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

* A Blessing

Music for Going Out

Pastor Bennet

J. Mettam

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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 are welcome here!*

You have been greeted this morning by Laurie Rowan and Linda Wentworth.
Our Ushers are Lois Marshall and Mark Fecteau, and our Liturgist is Alan Robinson.

We are delighted to welcome back our *Second Sunday Jazz Trio* featuring Mike Effenberger
on piano, Rob Gerry on bass, with John Mettam sitting in on drums today.
They are playing a few of John's original compositions. Welcome John!

The Week Ahead:

Monday, September 11:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Wednesday, September 13:

10:00am AA

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 14:

2:00pm Prayer Time - *via Zoom*

Friday, September 15:

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

Sunday, September 17:

10:00am Worship for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:15am Church Council Meeting

Women's Retreat - Saturday, September 30

Our fall Women's Retreat will be held Sept. 30th at Union Congregational Church in York Beach
from 8:30am - 3:30pm. Rev. Maren Tirabassi will be leading it once again, and we will be gathering
with our friends from First Parish Federated Church. Cost is \$20 per person and lunch is provided!

We are looking forward to you joining us! For more information contact *Rev. Linda Hirst*.

As the Page Turns - Tuesday September 19

As the Page Turns, our monthly book group, is ready to go with our after-summer-break first
meeting! We'll be gathering on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. here at the church to discuss
The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner. See Nadine Donnell for more information.

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An Open and Affirming Church

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Gather Us In

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in; our spirits inflame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old, who yearn for your face. We
have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in - the rich and the haughty;
gather us in - the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we receive new life in the waters; here
we receive the bread of new birth; here you
shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not just in buildings, small and confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is God present, and now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

GATHER US IN
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O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

*O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.*

*Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.*

*In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.*

MARYTON
WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879
MUSIC: Henry Percy Smith, 1874

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A bit about John Mettam...

A versatile and energetic musician, John has performed with many top contemporary jazz artists, including Marc Ribot, Ran Blake, Bobbie Previte, Brad Shepik, Chris Cheek, Pete McCann, Matt Darriau, and Kermit Driscoll. He is the drummer for Brooklyn-based Art Metal trio Bassoon, a regular member of the Jamie Saft Trio, and cofounder of New England based Middle-Eastern Modern Jazz ensemble Dharma Down. As a drummer, composer and producer, John has appeared on over 70 recordings. In 2016 he won a MAC Award for Best Song with co-writer Meg Flather and several of his compositions appear on the upcoming release by Dharma Down.