



Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C

May 5, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Worship with Holy Communion for The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 †

One: Jesus gives us a new commandment:

Many: "Love one another as I have loved you."

When we love one another as Jesus has loved us, we will live lives full of joy.

We will live with God's love deep in our hearts.

Let us worship the one who shows us how to love.

Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!

*** Hymn #90**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

*** Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Jesus, our sibling and friend,

we confess that we do not always love one another.

***Our divisions and disagreements so often prevent us
from knowing the joy of meaningful relationships.***

***Even as we seek to follow your example, we forget that we are chosen,
appointed by you to bring hope to a weary world.***

***Help us renew our focus and live by your will
that we may follow you with joy in our hearts. Amen,***

*** Words of Grace**

*** Gloria (see insert)**

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

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

(J Mary Luti)

*At your word, God of Life,
the earth grows green and every creature springs to life!
Re-create us too, we pray, by your holy Word.
As we receive the ancient Good News,
give us the new joy and justice of Easter –
all death destroyed, all captives freed! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen,*

The Scripture

1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

The Message

"Disciples Coming of Age"

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 (#382, v. 1 only)

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

* Dedication of Gifts

Loving God, we remember that one of Jesus' most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen,

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *

Invitation

We Remember

*(You will be invited to come forward to receive a communion packet
and then return to your pew where we will commune together)*

We Bless the Gifts

*O God, send your Holy Spirit on this offering of loaf and cup, and on us.
Strengthen your Church that we may be champions
of peace and justice in all the world.*

*Restore the earth with your grace, and a peace that is able to make all things new.
Be present to us as we share this meal and through all our lives,
that we may know you as the Holy One,
who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen,*

We Share the Elements

One: The bread on this table and in our hands is blessed and broken.

Many: Sharing love, we will never be hungry.

*The cup on this table is blessed and shared like the overflowing of tears and joy.
Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.*

We Give Thanks

*Holy One, we come to you with our doubts and our belief,
and thank you for the promise and reassurance of this Communion.
May we be nourished here to serve faithfully
those whose journeys you call us to hear and share.
May ours be a house of prayer and service in the world
and may we hear your words of guidance every day and every night.
We pray through the One who walks beside us,
and leads us always to you. Amen,*

WE GO OUT

*** Closing Hymn #386**

We Come as Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

*** A Blessing**

Music for Going Out

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Welcome to worship!

You have been greeted this morning by Adam and Cassie Baran.

Our Ushers are Orville and Priscilla deRochemont, and our Liturgist is Nadine Donnell.

Please join us downstairs following worship for a time of refreshment and fellowship!

We will be welcoming new members into our community of faith during worship on May 19. If you are considering membership here at Second Christian Church, please speak with one of our Deacons or Pastor Brad, following worship today.

Second Christian Church of Kittery - UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Welcoming... Learning... Going Out...

The Week Ahead:

Monday, May 6:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Wednesday, May 8:

10:00am AA

6:30pm *Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, May 9:

2:00pm Prayer Time - *via Zoom*

6:30pm Doorkeepers' Meeting

Friday, May 10:

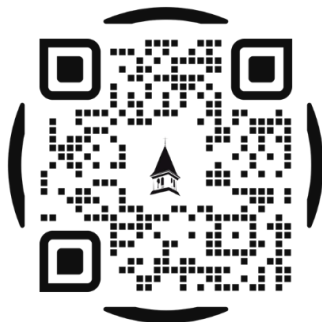
9:00am Breakfast with Brad *at Kasha's Kitchen*

Saturday, May 11:

9:00am *Hearts & Crafts* - Crafters group

Sunday, May 12: **Mother's Day**

10:00am ***Second Sunday Jazz Worship***
for the *Seventh Sunday of Easter*



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Our Mission Statement

Second Christian Congregational

United Church of Christ

***is a God-centered, Christ-formed, Spirit-led,
Open and Affirming gathering of God's People.***

It is our mission:

***To welcome all people into our community of faith,
To learn together the cost and joy of discipleship, and
To go out into the world to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ,***

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ we bring:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise we with gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Christ is our Guide and Friend
on whom we can depend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing for evermore:
Alleluia! Amen!*

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We Come as Guests Invited

*We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken
the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.*

*We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.*

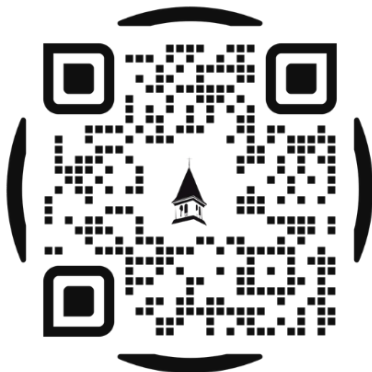
*One bread is ours for sharing,
one single, fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained, and given
by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.*

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