



**Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C**  
**June 9, 2024 - 10:00 AM**  
**Second Sunday Jazz - Commitment Sunday**

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** *Head Start* Hutcherson
- Welcome & Announcements**
- A Moment for Stewardship** Nadine Donnell
- I Am the Church* PORT JERVIS
- Centering Music** *Visions* Hutcherson
- Call to Community** † (based on Psalm 92:1-4)
- One: Come! Let us give thanks to our God. Sing praises to the holy name.  
***Many: With the melody of the lute and the harp and the song in our hearts,  
we declare God's steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness at night.***  
God's works make us glad.  
***God's works are great! We sing our praises of joy to God.***
- \* Hymn #7 ***When In Our Music God is Glorified*** ENGELBERG
- \* Gathering Prayer
- O God, maker of all that is beautiful,  
Jesus gave us the seeds of your justice and peace.  
In this time together, touch us, teach us, and inspire us  
to sow those seeds through our ministries  
so that all may share in Creation's abundance.  
Help us to make true the promise that no one will know scarcity  
and no one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. Amen,***
- \* Gloria LASST UNS ERFREUEN
- O God, you make the rainbow bright  
with lovely difference and delight: Thanks and praises, Alleluia!  
It's colors lovingly displayed,  
declare your pride in all you made:  
Thanks and praises, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*** (J. Mary Luti)
- Special Music** *8/4 Beat* Hutcherson

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

(J. Mary Luti)

*Spirit of the Living God, turn on the light of truth  
and wake up our hearts by the Word we now declare and ponder.  
In ancient pages let us find fresh life, fresh hope, and fresh courage  
for witness in your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen,*

The Scripture

Ezekiel 17:22-24, Mark 4:26-34

A Musical Interpretation

The Message

*"Seeds of Hope and Healing"*

## 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 and Promises

Special Music

*Tranquility*

Hutcherson

\* 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

*You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God,  
and so we return to you, in grateful thanksgiving,  
a portion of what we have, and our commitment for the year to come.  
Bless our offerings and our promises that they will nurture the seeds  
of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen,*

## WE GO OUT

\* Closing Hymn #606

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

NETTLETON

\* A Blessing

Music for Going Out

*Montara*

Hutcherson

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Welcome to worship!

You have been greeted this morning by Orville and Priscilla deRochemont.

Our Ushers are Tom and Linda Baran, and our Liturgist is Lois Marshall.

Please join us downstairs following worship for a celebratory *Ice Cream Social* hosted by our Stewardship Ministry Team!

We welcome back our Second Sunday Jazz Trio of Mike Effenberger, Jim Riudolf, and Rob Gerry along with special guest Paul Heckel on vibraphone! Today they'll be sharing some of the work of American jazz vibraphonist, marimba player and composer, *Bobby Hutcherson*. Paul has been a freelance vibraphonist in the New England jazz scene for over 40 years. He regularly plays with local NH Seacoast players including John Hunter, Charlie Jennison, Nate Therrien, David Newsam and Tim Webb. His jazz improvisations are inspired to flow like good conversations among friends. He plays a wide-ranging repertoire of jazz standards, originals and other tunes that include compositions by Chick Corea, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk, Milt Jackson, Keith Jarrett, Gary Burton, Horace Silver, Dave Brubeck and Radiohead. Welcome Paul!

### ***Second Christian Church of Kittery - UCC***

***An Open and Affirming Congregation***

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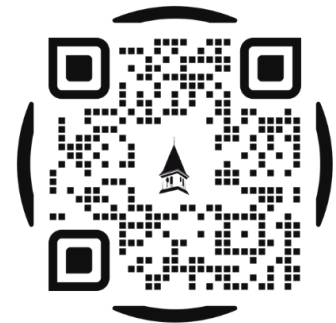
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Rev. Brad Hirst, Pastor • Mike Effenberger, Music Director • Charles Donnell, Treasurer

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

### **The Week Ahead:**

- Monday, June 10:**  
6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men
- Tuesday, June 11:**  
6:30pm Deacons Meeting
- Wednesday, June 12:**  
10:00am AA  
6:30pm *Choir Rehearsal*
- Thursday, June 13:**  
2:00pm Prayer Time - Via Zoom  
6:30pm Doorkeepers
- Friday, June 14:**  
9:00am Breakfast with Brad at *Kasha's Kitchen*
- Saturday, June 15:** ***KITTERY BLOCK PARTY!***  
10:00am - 4:00pm
- Sunday, June 16:** ***Father's Day***  
10:00am *Worship for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*



## I Am the Church

***I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!  
Yes, we're the church together!***

***The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple;  
the church is not a resting place; the church is a people.***

PORT JERVIS

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### When in Our Music God Is Glorified

***When, in our music, God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried,  
"Alleluia!"***

***How often, making music, we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound  
"Alleluia!"***

***So has the church, in liturgy and song,  
in faith and love,  
through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:  
"Alleluia!"***

***And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night  
when utmost evil strove against the Light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
"Alleluia!"***

***Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always:  
"Alleluia!"***

ENGELBERG

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MUSIC: Charles V. Stanford, 1904

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### God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

***God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.***

***Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at Your throne.***

***Treasure too you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands, in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.***

NETTLETON

WORDS: Robert L. Edwards, 1961

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part  
Second, 1813*

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