



Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C.
Worship for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Welcome one and all! Whether you are gathering with us onsite 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

Leader: God be praised for seasons – snow-face of winter, fragile wings of spring,
and warm growing days of summer.

People: God be praised for autumn with its burnished days and drizzling days.

Leader: God be praised for Cortland apples, school bells, pumpkin pie, cider,
mince, Hubbard squash, squirrels racing among the acorns, the smell of
cold and smoke, the touch of homecoming.

People: God be praised for this time to gather harvest in our lives – the plenty and the good.

Leader: God be praised as well that we can rake up the scatterings in our lives –
the dried hopes and fallen dreams.

People: We return all our bounty and gleanings to Almighty God

Leader: In all the seasons of our lives, God provides.

People: Let us worship and give thanks.

* Hymn ***Morning Has Broken (Autumn Version)***

BUNESSAN

* **Invocation of Peace** - adapting St. Francis Prayer for United Nations Day of Peace

*O Divine Writer on the heart,
grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled by your story
as to console others because we listen to it.
to understand the Bible's history
as to understand how to change the world,
to be loved as to learn
the small, difficult details of loving.*

*For it is in sharing the blessings
we want to treasure hoardishly,
that we receive life,
speaking out at injustice done to anyone
that we find unexpected kindness,
and, it is in the frustratingly-familiar,
but far-from-easy forgiving of others,
that we are forgiven,*

*for, on International Day of Peace
and every day,
it is always in the light returning
to one child of Gaza, West Bank, Sudan, Ukraine ...
that the Word comes into 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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

God, help us listen to scripture as it speaks to us in our time, which shifts and changes. Open our hearts to those who read it differently and to those who have never read it, to our younger selves in the past and our older selves yet to come, affirming that ... In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was surprising. Amen

The Scripture

James 3:13-4:3, 11-12; Mark 9:30-37

The Message

“Judge and Judge Not.... We Have to Do Both”

Prayer Hymn #579

Standing in the Need of Prayer

PENITENT

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

An 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, empower'd to do your will.*

*** Dedication of Gifts †**

God, to you who has everything, we bring our offering. This is your generosity to us -- we can share with you in the giving and receiving of gifts. May these be blessed for their uses and may we be blessed by the joy of filling others' needs. Amen

WE GO OUT

*** Hymn #714**

For the Fruit of all Creation

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*** A Blessing**

Music for Going Out

Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here!

You have been greeted this morning by Laurie Rowan and Elaine Hansberry
Our Ushers are David and Sylvia Sutton, and our Liturgist is Kathy Maloney.

Pastor Brad will be away September 18-24.

Pastoral Coverage will be provided by Rev. Jennifer Mazur at North Church - (603)436-9109.

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

Second Christian Church of Kittery - UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

The Week Ahead:

Monday, September 23:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Wednesday, September 25:

10:00am AA

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 26:

2:00pm *Prayer Time*

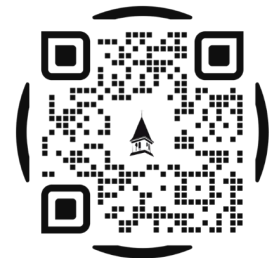
6:30pm Council Meeting

Friday, September 27:

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

Sunday, September 29:

10:00am Worship for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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,

Morning Has Broken

*Morning has broken, like the first morning.
Geese have awoken, distant but heard.
Praise for the winging, praise for the morning,
Praise for life springing fresh from the Word.*

*Sweet is the autumn, golden before us
As the bright leaves fall, from the dark trees.
Praise for the beauty of the rich harvest,
Praise for God's whispers on the cool breeze.*

*Mine is the sunlight, mine is the evening.
Dawn sky and sunset — palette of play.
Praise with our rising, praise with our resting;
God's hope and blessing for every day.*

BUNESSAN

WORDS: E. Farjean, 1931 adapted by Maren Tirabassi
MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

Standing in the Need of Prayer

*It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not my brother, not my sister,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]*

*Not the preacher, not the teacher,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Not the preacher, not the teacher,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]*

*Not my father, not my mother,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Not my father, not my mother,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]*

*Not the stranger, not my neighbor,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Not the stranger, not my neighbor,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]*

PENITENT

WORDS: African-American spiritual
MUSIC: African-American spiritual;
arr. William Farley Smith, 1986
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For the Fruit of All Creation

*For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.*

*For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.*

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WORDS: Fred Pratt Green 1970
MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Luther Orlando
Emerson, 1906
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