



Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C.
Worship for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Welcome one and all! Whether you're 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

Amazing Grace
Dawn Boyer, soprano

Newton

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Morris

Call to Community

(Inspired by Psalm 19)

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you,
Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

***Many: For we seek your presence, the company of this community,
and the renewal of our minds and spirits.***

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you,
Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

***For you impart wisdom, inspire joy, and instill hope
as we reflect on the past, live in the present, and consider the future.***

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you,
Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

***For wherever we gather in your name, we find holy ground;
whenever we call you, we find a fresh encounter;
however we know you, we find belonging. Praise God!***

* Hymn #100

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

* Gathering Prayer

God of many, make us one as you are one.

As we enter this time of worship, may our harmony extend beyond our songs.

***May our distinctiveness be welcomed, our identities be celebrated,
and our differences be a source of delight.***

***May your church serve as a beacon for belonging and demonstrate
the beloved community of the kingdom this day and everyday. 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

Fragile

Horner

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

Tirabassi

*God, help us listen to scripture as it speaks to us in our time of 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

Matthew 6:1-15

The Message

"A Wing and a Prayer"

written by Rev. Maren Tirabassi

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

No Cross, No Crown

Rouse

* 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 †

*Creating God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
receiving these gifts, and making them holy for the work of building your kingdom.
Bless and honor every gift, and multiply all our resources as a demonstration
of the extravagant generosity and radical love of your realm. Amen,*

WE GO OUT

* Hymn #585

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

* A Blessing

Music for Going Out

Joy

Traditional

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Welcome to worship! We're glad you are here!

You have been greeted this morning by Lois Marshall and Mark Fecteau.

Our Ushers are Robert and Diane McDonough, and Pastor Brad is our Liturgist.

Today is the *Fifth Sunday* of the month, so we're doing things a little outside-the-box! The plan for *Fifth Sundays* is to get the pastor out of the pulpit - at least *mostly*. So this morning we're presenting a skit about *The Lord's Prayer* written by Rev. Maren Tirabassi.

We thank our players: Mark Fecteau, Priscilla deRochemont, and Linda Wentworth, and are grateful to have Dawn Boyer sharing her musical gifts with us today!

Be sure to 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 30:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Wednesday, October 2:

10:00am AA

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 3:

2:00pm *Prayer Time* - In person here at the church!

Friday, October 4:

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

Saturday, October 5:

11:00 am- 3:00pm Pine Tree/Daniel Webster Scouts *Hospitality Station*

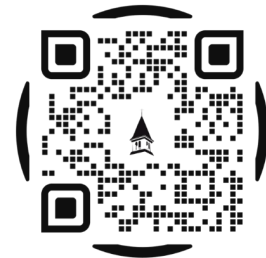
Sunday, October 6:

World Communion Sunday

10:00am *Worship with Holy Communion*

for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00pm Girl Scout Troop 919



About Our New Pride Flag

We hope you noticed that our Rainbow Pride Flag, which was getting a bit faded and tattered, has been replaced. The *Progress Pride Flag* was designed by Daniel Quasar in 2018 to place a greater emphasis on "inclusion and progression". The Trans flag stripes and marginalized community stripes form a new *chevron shape* on top of the traditional rainbow pride flag. The arrow points to the right to show forward movement, while being along the left edge shows that progress still needs to be made.

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,**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

**When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair;
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Discordant humankind,
in this your concord find,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all earth around
ring joyous with the sound,
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Sing, suns and stars of space,
sing, all that see his face;
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long,
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

LAUDES DOMINI

WORDS: German hymn (early 19th c.)
tr. Edward Caswall, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

CONVERSE

WORDS: Joseph Scriven, 1855
MUSIC: Charles Converse, 1868

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