



Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C
Worship for the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Welcome one and all! Whether you are gathering with us on-site or on-line,
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

Morning Has Broken

Traditional

Celia Woodsmith, guitar and vocals

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

If I Needed You

Townes VanZandt

Call to Community †

(Inspired by Psalm 34)

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Bless God at all times.

Many: We praise God who is with us.

We honor our God who sustains, redeems, and delivers.

Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Boast in the Holy One.

We seek the Holy One who hears our cries with grace, mercy, and compassion.

Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Magnify God with me.

O taste and see, hear and proclaim, touch and know that God is good.

Bless the Holy One!

*** Hymn #16**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*** Gathering Prayer**

Loving God, it is good to be with you in the company of this assembly.

When we seek you, you are there. When we pray, you listen.

When we tune our ears, your voice sounds.

Make your presence palpable in the places we gather.

We come to be formed, informed, and transformed.

In your lavish and bountiful love, hold us in your heart

as we lift our voices in praise. 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

Hard Times

Stephen Foster

Celia Woodsmith, guitar and vocals

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

*Living God, help us so to hear and ponder your holy Word,
that we may truly understand; and that understanding, we may believe;
and believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen,*

The Scripture

Jeremiah 31:7-9, Mark 10:46-52

The Message

"The Art of Letting Go"

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,

An Invitation to Offering

Special Music

Across the Great Divide

Kate Wolf

* 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 †

*Loving God, bless us with increased generosity, trust, and faithfulness.
As we cast away the cloak of the past, receive these gifts as an offering of praise.
May needs be met, lives transformed, and hearts warmed through our giving. Amen,*

WE GO OUT

* Hymn #582

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

* A Blessing

Music for Going Out

Stuff That Works

Guy Clarke

Welcome to worship!

You have been greeted this morning by Rob and Diane McDonough.
Our Ushers are Sharon and Ernie Wiswell. Nadine Donnell is our Liturgist.

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

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

We are thrilled to welcome back **Celia Woodsmith** to worship this morning! Celia is a GRAMMY Nominated performer, vocalist, percussionist, and songwriter. With a style that has been described as "one of a kind: gritty, muscular, folksy and intimate, sometimes all at once" (*Bluegrass Situation*), Celia has been a fixture of the New England Roots Music scene since 2005. Amidst touring full-time with her all-female Bluegrass band *Della Mae*, Celia teaches songwriting, singing, stagecraft and guitar, and currently lives right here in Kittery!

The Week Ahead:

Monday, October 28:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Wednesday, October 30:

10:00am AA

5:00-8:00pm **Trick or Treating!**

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 31:

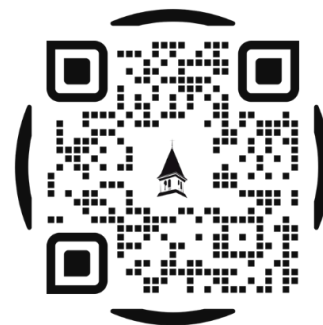
2:00pm Prayer Time - *via Zoom*

Friday, November 1: *All Saints Day*

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

Sunday, November 3:

10:00am *All Saints' Sunday* - Worship with Holy Communion
Our friends from North Church will be joining us!



Please Note: If you have a loved one or friend who died in the last year, and would like to have their name lifted up in worship on All Saints' Sunday, please have their name, and the date of their death to the church office by Wednesday, October 30. Forms are available on the table in the back and will be in the Vestry following worship.

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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise to thee an altar;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.*

NETTLETON

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

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Come Down, O Love Divine

*Come down, O Love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.*

*And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power
of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till love creates the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.*

DOWN AMPNEY

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Littledale, 1867, alt.
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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