



**Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C.
with North Church of Portsmouth
Worship for the Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 24, 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

Quartet for the End of Time, mvt. V: Louange à l'Eternité de Jésus
Eli Kaynor, cello and Mike Effenberger, piano

Messiaen

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Salut d'Amour

Elgar

Call to Community †

(Mary Luti)

One: Come, Jesus calls to near and far away

Many: Set a place for every hurting one, a place for every glad one

Come, Jesus lays aside his majesty

He humbly offers what he has, a king from Heaven sent

Come, Jesus gives himself, a holy sign

Let us join him in the healing, in the love he shares with all

Come, Jesus call us all

To receive the grace poured out on everything that's living

*** Hymn # 95**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

*** A Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

God, you sent your child to this world to remind us what real power is.

***You sent him to remind us of a love that is more powerful than death,
more than any army or prince or province.***

***Forgive us when we cling to the powers of the world, rather than the power of your
love. Let us lean in to the wisdom and love of Christ who brings us together in his
kindom, where love and care are abundant and shared. Amen,***

*** Words of Grace**

*** 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

Vocalise

Rachmaninoff

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Reading of Scripture

M. Luti

*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

Living Psalm 93; John 18:33-37

The Message

Rev. Jennifer Mazur

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

Suite No. 3, Prelude

Bach

* Response ††

ST. ANNE

*Praise God for earth in love bestowed for use and daily care!
The fruits that once as seed we sowed now gratefully we share!*

* Dedication of Gifts

*Good and loving God,
we offer these gifts to further the mission and ministry of Christ here on earth.
May they be tools that equip us for the work of loving our neighbor,
walking humbly with you, and doing justice and mercy here in the world.
Our gifts of time, talent and treasure are a symbol of our gratitude
for the love you pour out on us each day. Amen,*

WE GO OUT

* Hymn # 715

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

* A Blessing

Music for Going Out

Julie-O

Summer

Welcome to worship!

You have been greeted this morning by Tim and Kathy Runey.

Our Ushers are Lois Marshall and Mark Fecteau. Laurie Rowan 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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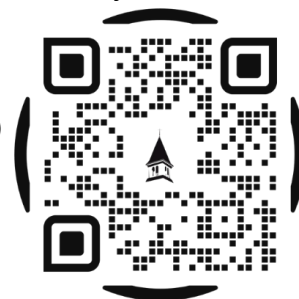
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Welcoming... Learning... Going Out...

The Week Ahead:

- Monday, November 25:**
6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men
- Tuesday, November 26:**
9:00am - Noon **Fair Set Up** - Attic Treasures, Crafts, Jewelry
1:00pm Wreath Decorating!
4:00pm **Calling All Angels** - Advent Book Study
- Wednesday, November 27:**
10:00am AA
1:00pm Wreath Decorating (as needed)
No Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, November 28:** **Thanksgiving Day!**
- Friday, November 29:**
9:00am Breakfast with Brad at *Kasha's Kitchen*
10:00am - Noon Perishable Food drop-off and Final Set-up!
6:30 - 8:00pm Perishable Food drop-off and Final Set-up!
- Saturday, November 30:** **Evergreen Festival 2024 - 9:00am - 1:00pm**
8:00am *Workers are gathering!*
1:30pm **Fair Clean up!** - Furniture moving
It all comes back together!
- Sunday, December 1:**
10:00am **Worship with Holy Communion**
for the First Sunday in Advent!



Who we say we are...

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,

Jesus Shall Reign

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his love shall spread from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*To Christ shall endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.*

*Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
all prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.*

*Let every creature rise with song;
honors and praise to Christ our belong;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!*

DUKE STREET

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793; desc. Erik Routley, alt.

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About Today's Guest Musician:

Cellist Eli Kaynor is a touring musician who has recently relocated to Portsmouth. As an active teaching artist and performer, Eli's professional career spans the whole gamut of musical genres, including chamber, orchestral, solo, ethnic, folk, and rock. Eli is an active Teaching Artist at *Portsmouth Music and Arts Center (PMAC)*, where he also serves as their Director of Development. Through his work, both at and away from the instrument, Eli spends his time building audiences and fostering community relationships.

Now Thank We All Our God

*Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices,
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us full of grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God
our Father and our Mother,
to Christ and to the One
who binds us to each other,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.*

NUN DANKET

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1636;

tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.

MUSIC: Johann Kruger, 1647;

harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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