



**Second Christian Church of Kittery
North Church of Portsmouth
Second Sunday Jazz
Worship for the First Sunday after Epiphany
January 12, 2025 - 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 *First Song* Charlie Haden

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music *Turiya* Haden

Call to Community †

One: God's love is a river that will never run dry.

Many: We wade in together; we let the current catch us.

When we come out from the water, we listen for the voice of our Creator:

"You are my child. Welcome home."

* Hymn #177 *What Was Your Vow and Vision* COMPLAINER

* Prayer for Transformation and New Life

***We pray, O Lord, that you will guide us
to your well of love and joy, into the depths of your grace,
so that we might drink deeply, so that we might be made whole.
Forgive us for the times we have turned from you,
and draw us back to your living water again and again. 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 *Ellen David* Haden

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

Shake the dust from our minds, our memories, our spirits, O Lord.

Shake the dust off the words on our pages.

Help us to hear your voice echo across the ages,

and speak to our hearts here and now. Amen,

The Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Musical Interpretation

The Message

"Through the Water"

Rev. Jenn Mazur

Renewal of Our Baptismal Covenant

God calls us to the water to find a new way:

a new grace, a new hope, a new faith, a new life.

God calls; we come.

Come to the water and let go of the worn out:

worn out habits, worn out pains, worn out angers, worn out burdens.

God calls; we come.

God blesses the water, it heals us, cleans us, renews us, refreshes us.

God blesses; we praise.

Come to the water and receive blessing, freedom, mercy, love.

God blesses; we praise.

Gracious God, your spirit moved over the waters of chaos to bring forth cosmos.

Your spirit moves in the waters of the womb to bring forth life.

***Your spirit rains and pours and floods in rivers and oceans and veins;
cleansing, purifying, anointing all creation for your service.***

Bless this water with your presence. Amen,

Everyone is invited to come forward to renew promises made at your baptism,

or if you have not been baptized, to anticipate your baptism...

"God has created you and named you Beloved. Live for God."

Bless

Remember you are a beloved child of God. ***We will live for God!***

You have been named and chosen as a follower of Christ. ***We will live for God!***

You are made one in the Spirit of God. ***We will live for God!***

Go in the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the unity of the Spirit. ***We will live for God!***

WE RESPOND

We Share our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Brad Hirst

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 *Spiritual* Haden

*** Response** (#317 in hymnal) *Amen* African-American

*** Dedication of Gifts**

***God, we pray you will bless the gifts that have been given today,
and that you will use them, and us, for the in-breaking of your love,
and the building of your kingdom. Amen,***

WE GO OUT

*** Hymn** (See insert) *The Summons* THE SUMMONS

*** A Blessing**

*** Response** *Let Your Little Light Shine* ** P. Warrick-Smith

***Let your little light shine, shine, shine. Let your little light shine, O my Lord.
'Cause there might be someone down in the valley tryin' to get home.
It might be me or it might be you, it might be a brother or a sister too,
but you know there's someone down in the valley tryin' to get home. So...***

Music for Going Out *Waltz for Ruth* Haden

** Let Your Little Light Shine
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Welcome to worship!

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

Our Ushers are Orville and Priscilla deRochemont, and Kathryn Varney is our Liturgist.

We welcome the Rev. Jenn Mazur to the pulpit along with all of our friends from North Church to share worship with us while their sanctuary is remodeled for a new season of ministry!

We invite you to please keep your name tag on when you join us downstairs following worship for a time of refreshment and fellowship!

This month our Second Sunday Jazz Trio of Mike Effenberger, Jim Rudlof and Rob Gerry, are featuring the music of Charlie Haden (1937 – 2014), an American jazz double bass player, bandleader, composer and educator whose career spanned more than fifty years.

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

The Week Ahead:

Monday, January 13:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Tuesday, January 14:

6:30pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, January 15:

10:00am AA

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16:

2:00pm Prayer Time *via Zoom*

Watch for the link in your Weekly Peal

Friday, January 17:

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

Sunday, January 19:

Worship for the *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

10:00am *Rev. Brad Hirst, preaching*

Sunday, January 26:

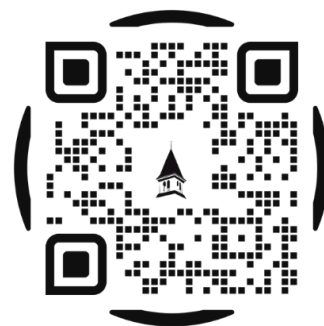
Worship for the *Third Sunday after Epiphany*

10:00am *Rev. Jenn Mazur, preaching*

11:00am Second Christian Semiannual Meeting

2:00pm York Association Meeting

First Congregational Church in Eliot



The Christmas Fund

The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “*Thank You*” gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. UCC congregations and members like you have blessed the Christmas Fund with their generosity for many years. This year, your care and compassion will be especially appreciated by servants of the church who are facing a time of need. We’ll be receiving your gifts for *The Christmas Fund* through the month of January. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CALL TO MEETING:

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of Second Christian Congregational United Church of Christ, the Semiannual Meeting will be convened following worship on Sunday, January 26, 2024.

The purpose of this meeting will be to elect Officers and Ministry Team Liaisons for the upcoming year, hear updates from Officers, Ministry Team Liaisons, and other church bodies, and to conduct other such business as might properly come before the membership of this church.

Covenant and Associate Members are strongly encouraged to attend. *Friends and Guests* are welcome!

What Was Your Vow and Vision

*What was your vow and vision,
revealed and recognized,
Christ, when you came to Jordan
and asked to be baptized?
Was there a sudden splendor
of prophets, priests and kings,
a wind that stirred the waters,
a blur of mighty wings?*

*Was this God's call, the crowning
of all you had become:
"Go, show and tell my coming,
my own, my chosen one?"
Did scripture join with scripture,
revealing in surprise
the triumph of a servant
rejected and despised?*

*We meet you at the water
and ponder why and how,
in hope that we may follow
where God is going now,
anointed by your Spirit,
reborn, and energized,
through deed and word proclaiming:
"In Christ we are baptized!"*

COMPLAINER

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The Summons

*Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you,
and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded man see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you,
and you in me?*

*Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell that fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go,
where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow in you,
and you in me.*

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