



Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C.

Worship with Holy Communion for the Day of Pentecost!

May 24, 2026 - 10:00 AM

Welcome one and all!

*Remember: No matter who you are, no matter who you love,
no matter where you are on life's journey, you're always welcome here!*

(* You are invited to stand as you are able)

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Call to Community †

(inspired by Psalm 104)

One: How manifold are the works of the Holy One!

In wisdom, God has made them all; the earth is full of God's creatures.

Many: May the glory of God endure forever; may the Creator rejoice in her works!

How beautiful are the works of the Holy One!

In love, God has formed them all; the earth is full of God's beloved.

I will sing to God as long as I live; I will sing praise to our God while I have being.

How wonderful are the works of the Holy One!

In peace and hope, God has renewed them all; the earth is full of God's redeemed.

May our meditation be pleasing to Spirit, Rejoice in the Holy One!

*** Hymn #236**

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

ABERYSTWYTH

*** Prayer for Transformation and New Life †**

Spirit of the Living God, draw us together into the place where your Spirit awaits us.

***Guide us in your direction so that as we gather, we experience the unity
that comes from shared hope and mutual understanding.***

***Fill us with more questions than answers and open our minds to visions and dreams
of a world transformed in your love and peace and infused with your hope and joy.***

For your name and glory, we pray for new life in you. Amen,

*** Words of Grace**

*** Response**

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

*Ever-living Spirit, give us humility of mind and hospitality of heart
to receive your gracious Word in ancient stories of your faithfulness.*

You have yet more light and truth for us: we long to receive it and understand.

Speak now, for by your grace, your servants are ready. Speak now, we are ready for you. Amen,

The Scripture

Numbers 11:24-30, Acts 2:1-21

The Message

"The Church Yet to Come"

WE RESPOND

The Sharing of 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,

Invitation to Generosity

Special Music

* Response †

ST. ANNE

O searching Spirit, wild and free, Horizon fresh and new:

O daring Curiosity, we praise and honor you!

* Dedication of Gifts †

Spirit, receive these gifts for the mutual flourishing

of all the creatures of earth and the benefit of your kingdom.

Sustain us as caretakers, prosper our work, and stir and nurture the gifts in us. Amen,

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Let us pray: God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and glorious thing, always and every way to give you thanks...

... and so we join our voices, raising them with saints and sinners in every time and place...

Sanctus

(Marti McMane)

***Holy, holy, holy God ruler almighty;
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O God.
Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!***

*[We invite you to come forward to receive your packet of "loaf and cup."
When we return to our seats, we will commune together.]*

The Words of Institution

We Bless the Elements

***Send your Spirit to transform these ordinary creatures
of loaf and cup into agents of your presence in our lives,
that they may nourish us, and challenge us to be the Body of Christ in our world.
Awaken the promise gathered, O Spirit.
Envelop this holy space, endowed in love, and allow this sacred moment
to unnerve the world through our involvement with heaven. Amen,***

We Share the Elements

We Give Thanks

***Through the great Comforter, Advocate, our faithful Guide,
we have become a part of God's holy love.
And so we pray to the eternal One:
God of love, as you have blessed this meal, bless now our work and our words,
that we may extend your gracious welcome to the world in what we do and by who we are.
May the Spirit's power make it so. Amen,***

WE GO OUT

*** Hymn #247**

Wind Upon the Waters

WIND UPON THE WATERS

*** A Blessing**

*** Response (#445 in Hymnal)**

Go In Peace

OCEAN PARK

***Go in peace and the peace of God, be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God, be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy, celebrate new life!
Go in peace and the peace of God, be with you always.***

OCEAN PARK

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Music for Going Out

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Welcome to Worship!

You have been greeted this morning by Janice Brown and Dean Peschel.
Charlie and Nadine Donnell are our Ushers, and Alan Robinson is our Liturgist.

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

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

The Week Ahead:

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day!

- And, the 183rd Anniversary of the founding of *The Second Christian Society of Kittery!*
- No Seacoast Gay Men's Meeting today

Wednesday, May 27:

- 10:00am AA
- 1:00pm Prayer Time- via Zoom
- 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 28:

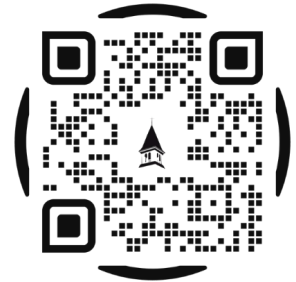
- 6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Friday, May 29:

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

Sunday, May 31:

- 10:00am ***Special Intergenerational Worship!***
Be sure to bring the kids and grandkids today!
- 4:00pm ***Civil Rights Sunday*** - Market Square, Portsmouth



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,***

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

*Wind who makes all winds that blow -
Gusts that bends the saplings low,
Gales that heave the seas in waves,
Stirrings in the mind's deep caves -
Aim your breath with steady power
On your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost,
Spirit God of Pentecost.*

*Fire who fuels all fires that burn -
Suns around which planets turn,
Beacons marking reefs and shoals,
Shining truth to guide our souls -
Come to us as once you came:
burst in tongues of sacred flame!
Light and Power, Might and Strength,
fill your church, its breadth and length.*

*Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame,
move within our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre,
kindle them with your own fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze
till our lives, our deeds and ways,
speak that tongue which every land
by your grace shall understand.*

ABERYSTWYTH

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Wind Upon the Waters

*Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep,
rouse your sons and daughters,
wake us from our sleep,
breathing life into all flesh,
breathing love into all hearts,
living wind upon the waters of my soul.*

*Showers from the heavens,
water from the earth,
gift so wholly given, source of ev'ry birth;
joy of ev'ry living thing,
making all creation sing,
shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.*

*Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand,
prairie, field and meadow,
shaped by Love's own hand,
love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
grow your love within the garden of my soul.*

*Blazing light of wonder,
flame that pierces night,
burst the dark asunder, fill our souls with light.
Lord of glory, fill the skies,
make an end to hatred's cries,
be the blazing sun of justice in our lives.*

*Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,
grace your sons and daughters,
newborn by your hand.
Come, O spirit, and renew
all the life that comes from you,
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.*

WIND UPON THE WATERS
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