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

World Communion Sunday Worship

for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026 - 10:00 AM

Welcome one and all!

Remember: No matter who you are, no matter whom 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 *Be Still* David Lohman

The Second Christian Choir

Call to Community *(Bali)*

Leader: Rejoice, people of God!
Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst.

People: Our eyes will be opened!
The present will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope.

Leader: Rejoice, people of God!
Bow your heads before the one who is our wisdom and our strength.

People: We place ourselves before our God
that we may be touched and cleaned by the power of God's Spirit!

*** Hymn #65** ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** *(church member choice)* EIN' FESTE BURG

*** Opening Prayer** (*Aotearoa / New Zealand)*

God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows, God of golden daffodils and glowing autumn leaves, God of all the blues of sunlit seas, God of all the shades of green in bush and field, in rivers and oceans and lakes, in rough stones on a beach and polished jewels in a showcase, God of people, brown and amber, pink and ebony, artistic and athletic, practical and visionary, compassionate and laughter-bringing, God who colours us a world of variety, We thank you that you have made each of us unique, that you call us to contribute our special colours to the life around us. We come to you in thanksgiving and worship. Amen

*** Response** ***Glory to you, creating One!*** Hirst/Effenberger
Glory to you, redeeming Son!
Glory to you, O Spirit, come!
Meet us now, make us one, glory to you, O God!

The Anthem *My Lord, What A Morning* Spiritual arr. Robert Benson

The Second Christian Choir

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Call to the Scripture Reading *(Canada)*

Bring us back to the beginning, God. Help us to hear in the scriptures the stories that open our eyes; to who Jesus was; to who Christ is; to who we are. Bring us back to the beginning, God - so that we might journey his Way. In Christ's name and in your love, we ask these things. Amen.

The Scripture **Matthew 28: 16-20; Luke 13: 29-30; Matthew 21: 28-32**

The Message *Say It Again ... In Case Your Ears Didn't Trust Your Mouth;*
Do It Again ... In Case Your Heart Didn't Pay Attention

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 kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen,

Invitation to Generosity
Special Music

*** Response** ***Praise God whose mercies never cease,*** OLD HUNDREDTH
whose justice raises up the least
and sits all creatures down to feast -
God's mercy is our hope and peace!

*** Dedication of Gifts** *(Hawai'i)*
For fish and poi, for bread and meat, for all You give us to eat;
for hands that help and hearts that share,
we lift our grateful prayer. *(poi is Hawai'ian food made of taro root)*

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

Communion Hymn #425 ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** LET US BREAK BREAD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion *(Germany)*

Leader: We rejoice in the God of life who gives us bread:
the fruit of the earth worked with human hands,
and who makes it into the bread of life.

People: We rejoice in the God of life who gives us wine:
the fruit of the vine tended with daily care,
and puts the flavour of the new world into it.

Leader: As the wheat and grapes are joined on this table in bread and wine -
into a visual symbol for us -

People: May our church join together
into a visual symbol for the entire world.

Prayer of Reconciliation *(Chile) (Please pray the English version)*

Paz, peace, py'aguapy.
Me Comprometo, Señor a buscar:
La sanidad de mi relación contigo.
La sanidad de mi relación conmigo misma.
La sanidad de mi relación con otros.
La sanidad de mi relación con toda tu creación.
¡SHALOM!

I commit, Lord, to searching for:
The healing of my relationship with you.
The healing of my relationship with myself.
The healing of my relationship with others.
The healing of my relationship with all your creation.

Assurance of Grace *(China)*

Forgiveness is forgetting bad things, remembering good things. Forgiveness is accepting God's love.

Words of Remembering *(Korea)*

Leader: Remember, the Lord, the friend of all, who were the oppressed,
the estranged, the weak, the sick, widow, orphans.
Remember, Lord, the ones disliking the use of power.
Remember, Lord, the ones sharing the daily food in life.
Remember, Lord, the ones liberating hearts from a dictator.
We remember thy suffering, O Lord, at thy Last Supper.

Prayer of Consecration *(Guatemala)*

Leader: You emptied yourself completely keeping nothing for yourself.
Now, naked, utterly stripped,
you give yourself to us as bread that sustains us
and as wine that consoles us.
You are Light and Truth, You are the Way and the Hope
You are Love. Grow in us.

We Share the Elements *(before people come forward) (South Africa)*

The ears of wheat are broken and scattered
on the hillside to grow.

Gathered, they are broken again
and scattered throughout the city to make bread.
The bread is scattered to each home
and broken to make nourishment.
Broken and scattered, broken and scattered,
and some becomes Christ's body broken for us
as we are the people of God scattered and, perhaps,
broken to give nourishment to others.

[*You will be invited to come forward to receive your communion packet, and then return to your seat so we can commune as one. Today's Communion Bread is all Gluten-Free, so all can partake of it.*]

(Back in our seats)

We receive this bread, broken, scattered and made whole.

(Pause)

We drink this cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(Mexico, grace contributed by an orphanage in Colima)*

We give you thanks O Lord, for all food that has arrived at our table from your generosity. Bless the people who have made it possible, from the cultivation of the earth until it arrived to us. Give bread to those who are hungry, and to those who have bread give us hunger for you. Amen

WE GO OUT

*** Hymn #422** ***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*** LINSTEAD

*** Benediction Bendición** *(Argentina)*

Que el Dios de la Vida, sea tu guía en el camino de cada día, sea tu refugio en momentos de inseguridad y sea tu descanso en tiempos de fatiga. Que el Dios de la Vida, te fortalezca cuando te sientas débil, te consuele cuando estés triste y te abrace cuando te sientas sola. Que el Dios de la Vida, que te quiere y te conoce, te cubra con su ternura de Madre. Por siempre. Amén

May the God of Life, be your guide on the road every day, be your refuge in times of uncertainty and be your rest in times of fatigue. May the God of Life strengthen you when you feel weak, comfort you when you feel sad and hug you when you feel alone. May the God of Life, who loves you and knows you, cover you with the tenderness of a Mother. Forever. Amen

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.

Music for Going Out

Our Worship for World Communion Sunday includes Liturgy and Prayers from around the World.
A couple of times the original language is printed, but we are speaking the English.

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Welcoming all… Learning together… Going Out to serve

Welcome to Worship!

You have been greeted this morning by Priscilla deRochement and Elaine Hansberry.
Ernie Wiswell and Tim Runey are our Ushers, and Kathy Maloney is our Liturgist.

Please be sure to join us downstairs for a time of refreshment and fellowship after worship!

The Week Ahead:

Monday, October 5:	
6:30pm	Seacoast Gay Men
Wednesday, October 7:	
10:00am	AA
1:00pm	Prayer Team - *In Person*
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 8:	
6:30pm	Doorkeeper's Meeting
Friday, October 9:	
9:00am	Breakfast with…***BRAD!*** at Kasha's Kitchen
Saturday, October 10:	
9:00am	Hearts & Crafts
Sunday, October 11:	
10:00am	***Worship for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*** Fresh from Sabbatical, ***Rev. Brad Hirst***, preaching!

Announcements

- Long-time member, **Richard Hollings**, has recently passed away. **Please send cards to:** Jane Hollings, 1000 Old Carriage Court, Apex, NC 27502
- ***Fall Clothing Drive*** – Oct. 4–Oct. 31st! For more details, email ***Mark Fecteau*** at **elfspeeder@outlook.com**

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,

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing,
our present help amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe,
with craft and pow'r great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth without an equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
but there is one who takes our side,
the one of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He
with mighty pow'r to save,
victorious o'er the grave,
Christ will prevail triumphant!

And though this world with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear for God has willed
the truth to triumph through us.
The powers of darkness grim,
we tremble not for them;
their rage we can endure,
for lo, their doom is sure:
One little word shall fell them.

God's word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
through Christ, who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill,
God's truth abideth still,
God's reign endures forever.

EIN' FESTE BURG
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Go In Peace

OCEAN PARK
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MUSIC: Kenneth E. White, 1982
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Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;
(on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.
(on our knees)

Refrain:
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
(on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees.
(on our knees) [Refrain]

Let us praise God together on our knees;
(on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees.
(on our knees) [Refrain]

LET US BREAK BREAD
WORDS: African-American Spiritual
MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Carlton R. Young, 1964, alt.
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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ.
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one.
At the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]

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