



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come into God's Courts With Praise (Rondo in C)

Michael Helman

Towne Lyne Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome, people of God. May God be with you!

All: **And may you always know God's welcoming presence!**

It is Christ who has called us here as one

To be his disciples, children of God, members of the Church.

As Christ has welcomed us, let us welcome one another,

That the love and unity we share may give glory to God.

And let us never fail to show hospitality to strangers,

For by doing so, some have entertained angels unawares.

Thanks be to God for beloved community which calls us home!

* HYMN

God, We Thank You for Our People

Black Hymnal, #376

God, we thank you for our people, roots dug deep within the soil,

hardy spirits, rich in loving, strong for struggle, bold for toil.

Faithful Rock of generations, you whom parents' parents praised;

Here in hope as we remember may our song to you be raised.

Thank you, God, for gentle pleasure: lessons learned and secrets told,

hopes and memories saved as treasure, passed to young ones by the old,

Pranks and glories, songs and stories, food by loving hands prepared.

God, we bless you for your presence in our tears and laughter shared.

Still we must confess before you, sometimes, Savior, we have failed;
though we worship and adore you, sometimes love has not prevailed.
Tempers racing, devil chasing, hearts estranged by ice or flame
You transform by ways of giving. Grace is amazing! Grace, your name!

By your Spirit of creation keep us bold for risking still,
eager in anticipation, ever strong to do your will.
Bind us close to one another, sharing life and death and birth,
Welcoming as sister, brother, all your children on the earth.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

We thank you, Holy God, Three-in-One, Pattern of Community,
For the gift of this day, of your presence,
The gift and invitation to fullness of life which Christ has brought us.

Open our hearts to receive these gifts:

In all creation, in beloved community,

In the deepest quiet of our souls.

Teach us to pray in sure and certain hope

of your reconciling and resurrecting love

And to share in your healing work for all the world. Amen.

ANTHEM

Song of Hope
Towne Lyne Ringers

Brenda E. Austin

TIME FOR ALL AGES

The Lord's Prayer

...Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Children are invited to go to church school at this time.
They are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their families as well.*

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 6:5-13*

SERMON *Teach Us to Pray* The Rev. Geoff Parker

SONG OF RESPONSE *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* Taizé

The image shows a musical score for the song "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" by Taizé. It is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer, when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me." The music features a simple, rhythmic melody with a steady bass accompaniment. The final system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

Electronic gifts may be shared here:

<https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/> or by pointing your phone's camera at the image to the right and clicking on the link displayed.



Offertory Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

Mark Miller

* Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

Black Hymnal, #520

Eternal Spirit of the living Christ, I know not how to ask or what to say; I only know my need, as deep as life, and only you can teach me how to pray.

Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your purpose and your will, Where I have failed, what I have done a-miss; held in forgiving love, let me be still.

Come with the vision and the strength I need to serve my God, and all humanity; Fulfillment of my life in love out-poured - my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Craig Courtney

Today's Ministers of Worship:

Charlie Bernacchio and Carrie Penrose

Today's Flowers:

*Are lovingly offered up by Charlie Bernacchio
in honor and memory of Catherine's parents, Rita and John Hannon.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fellowship Ministry is looking for your IDEAS!

Today at the ***Welcome Back Picnic***, Fellowship is hoping to solicit your ideas for what activities you would like to see organized at FCC. We have placed 2 easels outside where you can write down your ideas. Please put your name beside your comments so if we have questions about your idea, we can get more specific details from you. Please also indicate if you are willing to help Fellowship organize your suggested event, which would be fantastic as we are a small ministry trying to do lots of things for our community. So, please help fill the pages with new ideas for new fun. ***Here's a thought; maybe you would like to officially join the Fellowship Ministry? Contact Liz or Pete for more info!***



Tuesday Morning Centering Prayer Group

Following up on Pastor Cheryl's spring class on mindfulness meditation, come and join with Pastor Geoff and others as we explore the practice and ideas of ***centering prayer***, another meditative practice from the contemplative Christian tradition. ***No prior experience is necessary.*** Join us beginning September 17th and the following Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor. Questions? Contact **Pastor Geoff**

On Sunday, September 22nd FCC is pleased to welcome **Karen Campbell, Family Resource Specialist for Kids**

Peace (www.kidspeace.org), a private charity dedicated to serving the

behavioral and mental health needs of children, families, and communities. Founded in 1882, KidsPeace provides a unique

psychiatric hospital; a comprehensive range of residential treatment programs; accredited educational services; and a variety of foster care and community-based treatment programs to help people in need overcome challenges and transform their lives. The experts at KidsPeace provide emotional and physical health care and educational services in an atmosphere of teamwork, compassion, and creativity. KidsPeace offers residential treatment services in Pennsylvania, Maine, and Georgia. At its Graham Lake Campus in Ellsworth, ME, KidsPeace offers residential services for young people on the autism spectrum and youth requiring 24-hour clinical, residential, and educational services and supervision. Karen will be joining us afterwards for our Fellowship Coffee Hour to answer any additional questions while providing printed material for your further reference. The Justice & Outreach Ministry hopes you will take this opportunity to hear this weighty and crucial message.



THIS WEEK AT FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

- Sunday, September 15:** **9:30 a.m.** Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
After Worship *Welcome Back Potluck!*
(Outside, weather permitting)
- Monday, September 16:** R.S.V.P. to Jill Fox [781-5144/jfox10@maine.rr.com](mailto:jfox10@maine.rr.com)
for attendance at Wednesday's women's breakfast
- Tuesday, September 17:** **9:00 a.m.** Centering Prayer (Parlor)
12:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters (Classroom)
6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
7:15 p.m. Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- Wednesday, September 18:** **8:30 a.m.** Women's Breakfast (Fellowship Space)
4:00 p.m. FCC Book Club (Classroom)
- Thursday, September 19:** **1:00 p.m. to ?** Fair Prep in Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Ministry Mtg. (Zoom)
- Friday, September 20:** **11:30 a.m.** Hope Bramhall Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
closing date to submit material into church office for October newsletter
- Saturday, September 21:** **9:30 – Noon** Falmouth/Foreside Confirmation Retreat
- Sunday, September 22:** **9:30 a.m.** Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
Mission Moment: KidsPeace

Welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning!

We hope that you discover here what you have come seeking.

In the hymnal rack in front of you is a **welcome card** that you may fill out to let us know that you were here. It has a place to indicate how we might help you to learn more about us. Please check those boxes if that would be helpful. The card can be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. We are glad that you have come, and would be privileged to welcome you further.

Nursery care is always available during worship. The nursery is located through the side door at the front of the sanctuary, up the stairs, and down the hallway, third door on the right. Parents are welcome to walk their children to the nursery and then return to worship at any time. Alternately, the nursery is equipped with a sound system so that you may listen to the service even if you would like to remain with your child.

Children aged 3 through grade 6 are invited to attend Sunday school. Classes are scheduled to run through 10:40 a.m., at which time children can be picked up from the large Sunday school classroom at the end of the hall. If services conclude prior to 10:40 a.m. please feel free to enjoy refreshments and fellowship downstairs until pick-up time. Otherwise, children can be picked up immediately following the service.

Comfortable seating is available during Sunday service. An assortment of cushions is available at the back of the church. If you need assistance in retrieving one, please do not hesitate to ask a Minister of Worship usher.

Join us for coffee and conversation immediately following worship! We gather in our reception area downstairs which can be reached via the stairs, or the ADA accessible elevator, both located at the rear of the sanctuary. Please come and say hello!

Communion Sundays are usually held the first Sunday of each month.

The Foreside Community Church strives to be a **fragrance-free environment**. Please help us to accommodate our members and visitors who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products, and/or similar products.

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An Open and Affirming Congregation



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