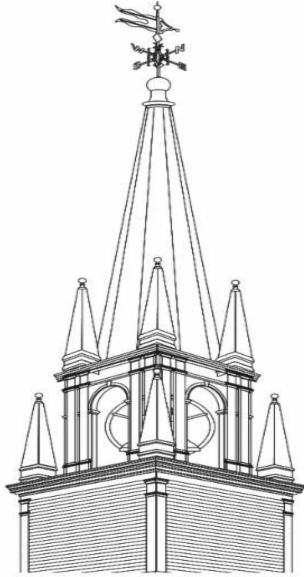




We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset whether present in the sanctuary, joining us on streaming video, or watching our service in the future.

VISION: We are on a journey to reflect God's love, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of all.

MISSION: Together we strive to praise God, grow in faith, cultivate love, spread joy, care for all people and God's creation, promote peace, and do justice.

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WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY, NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &

NEIGHBORS IN NEED SUNDAY

We welcome all to our worship service.

Spiritual Contemplation Quotes for the week: One bread. One body. Many people. One in Christ. ‘Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.’ 1 Corinthians 10:17

Gathering

PRELUDE

‘Preamble’

Louis Vierne

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

P: Today we gather around one table, in answer to God’s will.

L: What do we find at today’s table?

P: God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

L: What is not at today’s table?

P: The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

L: Let us repent, and give thanks to God’s power to bring salvation to all who believe.

P: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

All: Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.

* OPENING HYMN

‘The Church’s One Foundation’

Red Hymnal No.238

OPENING INVOCATION TO PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS: After each Joy or Concern, please respond:

Pastor: “God,” Congregation: **“Hear our prayer.”**

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

‘Let Peace Prevail on Earth’

Global Mission Partner Prayer: Syria (See insert)

MORNING PRAYER AND SILENT MOMENTS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

The Word

Matthew 21:33-46 Pew Bible Page 18

* HYMN

‘I Danced in the Morning’

Red Hymnal No.206

SERMON

‘Entitlement’

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHORAL OFFERTORY

‘Intermezzo’

Johannes Brahms

DEDICATION PRAYER

The Table : Celebration Sacrament of the Eucharist (The bread is gluten free, and we use juice, not wine.)

Welcome

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: May the composer of heaven's music be with you!

P: And also with you!

L: Beloved, God has created you for faithful living.

P: We lift our hearts to the One who calls us to be Christ's Body.

L: People of God, sing to the One who cleanses us of our fears.

P: We will dance with joy to the Table of peace and hope.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (South Africa)

L: For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,

P: God forgive us.

L: For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion,

P: God forgive us.

L: For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no peace,

P: We ask for your mercy.

L: For our failings in community, our lack of understanding,

P: We ask for your mercy.

L: For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love,

All: God forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Bangladesh)

CALL TO COMMUNION- Pastoral Prayer

L: From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.

P: We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions.

L: We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.

P: We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

L: From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East—

P: We come as one people, gathered in Christ.

L: Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.

P: Christ welcomes us all.

L: Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

P: Christ welcomes us all.

L: Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.

P: At Christ's table, there is room for all.

L: Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.

All: We come to receive. We come to remember. We come to share. We come to be made one.

where we speak the truth in Christ:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE MEAL

The bread and cup are shared.

L: The bread of life, given for all.

P: We receive with gratitude.

L: The cup of blessing, shared for all.

P: We receive with gratitude.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: God of every nation and generation, gather us into the great company of your people—those who have gone before us, those who worship beside us, and those we may never meet in this life. Until the day when every people and every nation are gathered into your eternal feast, keep us faithful to one another and to you.

P: Send us from this table as people of Christ's peace.

All: One body. One Spirit. One Lord. One faith. One hope. One table. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

'Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ'

Red Hymnal No.316

BENEDICTION

Benedictory Responses Go Now In Peace

POSTLUDE

'Cantate Domino (Sing to the Lord)'

Stewart Landon

You are invited to sit for the postlude.

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“Our worship ends, let our service begin”

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Those serving you today:

Ushers: Beth Maxwell

Reader: Ann Dunlevy

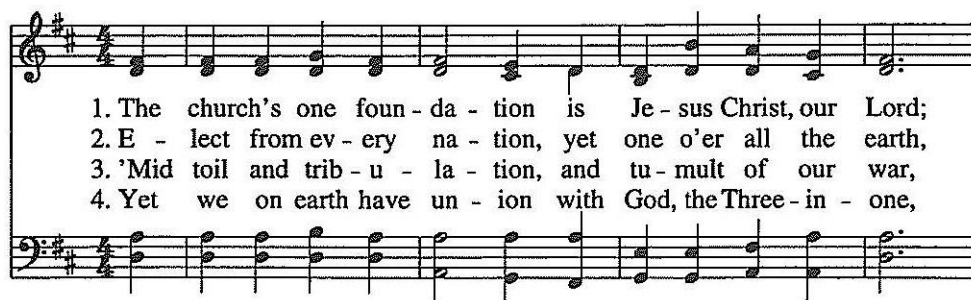
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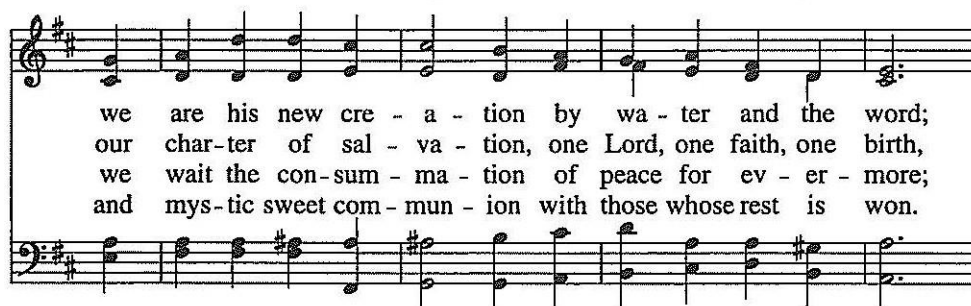
Communion: Mary McKinney & Sarah Joyce

Please join us for fellowship, coffee or tea, and refreshments in Fellowship Hall following worship.

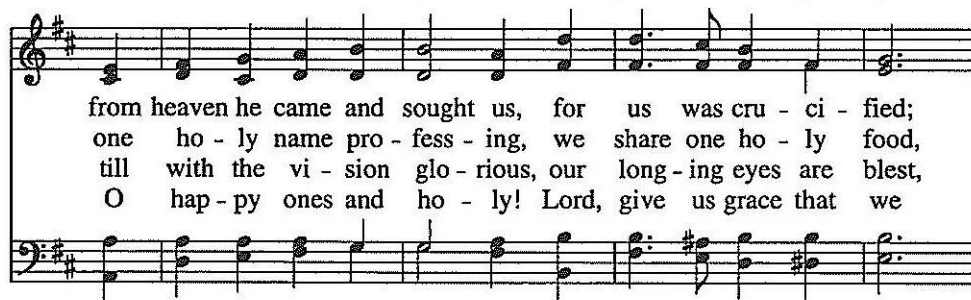
Happy October Birthdays to Zoe Bigley, Thomas Cramer, Anne Crispin, Judi Coombe, Raegan Eddy, Carol Peck and Greg Shaw



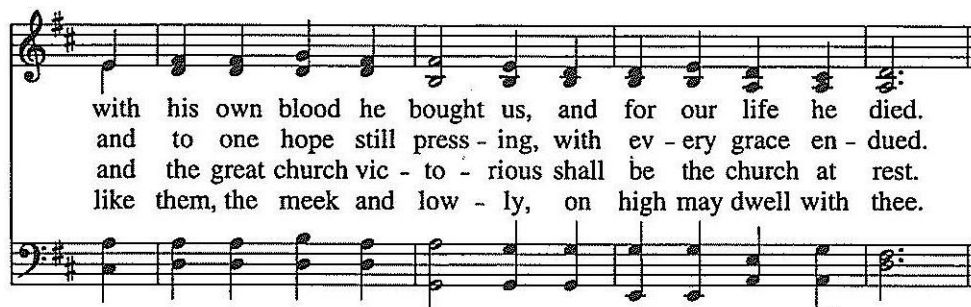
1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, our Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,
 4. Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - one,



we are his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 our char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth,
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



from heaven he came and sought us, for us was cru - ci - fied;
 one ho - ly name pro - fess - ing, we share one ho - ly food,
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



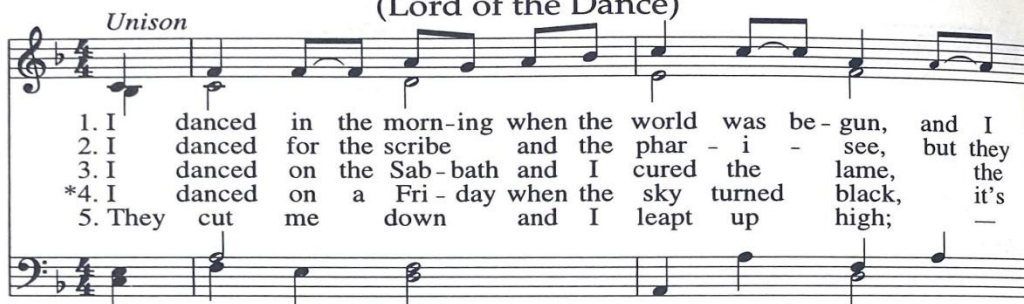
with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.
 and to one hope still press - ing, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866, alt.
 MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

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I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)

Unison

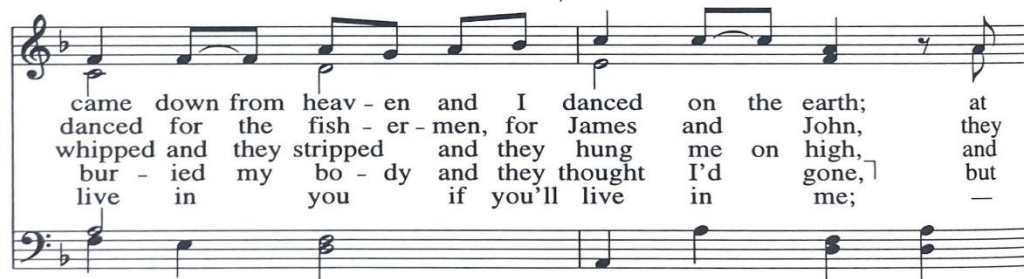


1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2. I danced for the scribe and the phar-i-see, but they
 3. I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame, the
 *4. I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black, it's
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; —

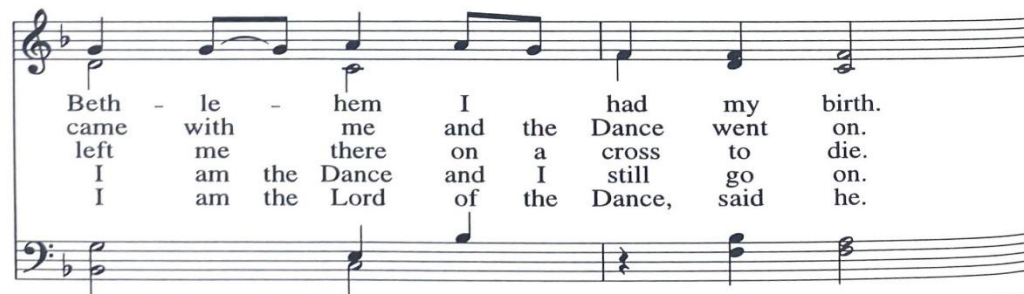
* Stanza 4, up to bracket (), may be sung in F minor



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 would not dance and they would-n't fol-low me; I
 ho-ly peo-ple said it was a shame; they
 hard to dance with the dev-il on your back; they
 I am the life that-'ll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll



came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth; at
 danced for the fish-er-men, for James and the John, they
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, and
 bur-ied my bo-dy and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me; —



Beth-le-hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the Dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the Dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

WORDS: Sydney Carter, 1963

MUSIC: Shaker melody; adapt. and harm. Sydney Carter, 1963

Sydney Carter brings us back to the medieval, joyous tradition of a dancing Savior — dancing being a metaphor for living life in the fullest sense.

RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION

LORD OF THE DANCE
Irr. w. refrain

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ 316

Unison

1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

Refrain (first time p, second time f)

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1975

MUSIC: Jamaican folk melody, adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

LINSTEAD
LM w. refrain

Jamaican folk rhythms meet the spirit of ecumenist Fred Kaan in this 'communion calypso' hymn, first sung at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi, 1975.

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