

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

10:00 A.M.



(You are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship during the Prelude.)

Prelude *Morning Has Broken* - Anne David Marie

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24

Musical Introit *Shall We Gather at the River?* - Joel Raney

Call to Worship

One: Our experience of God's holy call is beyond words, yet we can marvel at our real experiences of grace.

Many: We celebrate the prophets and visionaries; in story and song, we awaken our prophetic voice.

One: The path down which God leads us is unpredictable and may be uncomfortable. But we know it leads us deeper into the heart of love.

Many: We cherish the risk-takers and the tide-turners: in prayer and praise, we awaken our prophetic voice.

One: We do not know how long it will take for God's kingdom to manifest here on Earth, but we trust in a future we cannot yet see.

Many: May we join the universal movement for peace, harmony, and unity among all beings.

*Hymn

In Christ There Is no East or West

No. 381

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

To the revelation and the wonder, open us, Holy One. With the vision and the possibility, help us see ourselves through your eyes. Equip us to see you and follow you. In our struggles and in our seeking, be with us. Holy One, manifest your love, make your justice known among us and through us. Amen.

**All who are able may stand.*

Sung Benediction

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Postlude

Come, Christians Join to Sing - Mark Hayes



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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



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Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: Tom Kovarik

Reader: Jane Junkert

Ushers: Joan Shea & Becky Lenz

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, January 15:	Worship 10am Diaconate Meeting following worship Youth Group 11:30am
Monday, January 16:	Martin Luther King Day Mah Jongg, 6:00 – 8:30
Tuesday, January 17	Sheepscot Valley Chorus, 7:00 – 9:00
Wednesday, January 18	Organ Society, 9:30am
Thursday, January 19	3:00 Chimes practice 4:00 Choir practice
Sunday, January 22	Worship 10 am

Announcements

Annual Meeting – January 29 following worship

First Congregational Church's annual meeting is coming up on January 29, so please put it on your calendar now and plan to attend either in person or on Zoom.

Scripture for January 15 – Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD
and my reward with my God."
⁵ And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶ he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,