

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 2022

10:00 A.M.



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

Prelude *Voluntary in F-major* John Bennett

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Musical Introit *Voluntary in G-major* William Wallond

***Call to Worship**

One: God of salvation, we lift our souls to you.

Many: The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: In trust, we wait on you to speak, to reveal, to send.

Many: The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: Lead us in your truth with mercy and righteousness.

Many: The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.

*Gathering Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* No. 353

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Divine Builder, you set our standards and foundation. Make your presence known to us as we gather before you. Let this community reflect your body and your vision. Fortify us with all truth and strengthen us with your abundant love. Enliven our senses and stir our being as we worship you as the people you have crafted to build alongside you. Amen.

Anthem *Panis Angelicus* Cesar Franck
Margot Stiassni, soloist

Scripture John 8:31-32
Mark 8:22-26 Reader: Brad Adler

Morning Message

*Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West

No. 381

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music

Andante Pastorale

Charles Stephens

*Doxology

No. 46

**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 and Thanksgiving

Architect of our faith, use these humble offerings to construct your plan of peace, hope, and love for life abundantly. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Bless Be the Tie That Binds

No. 368

*Benediction

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

Andante Maestoso

Arcangelo Corelli



**All who are able may stand.*

Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Brad Adler*

Ushers: *Libby Mooney*

Interim Minister: *Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken*

Organist: *Joel Pierce*

Sexton: *Mary McKinney*

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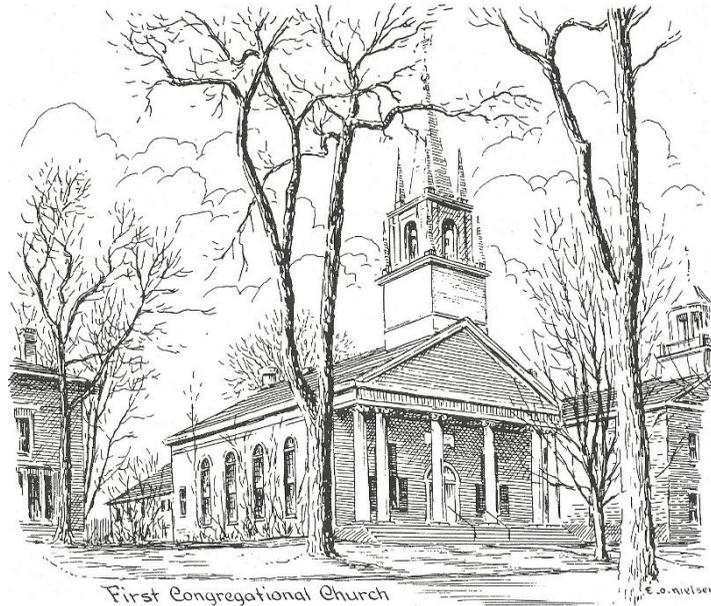
First Congregational Church

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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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Coming Up This Week:

Monday, July 11, Game Night 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Sunday, July 17: Worship 10am

Rev. Amy is on vacation through July 12. Rev. Tom Junkert will be on-call for any pastoral care needs and can be reached at 218-205-0420.

Supporting the Ministry of our Church

Thank you for your continued support in sustaining our ministries Offerings can be mailed to the church at: First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 350, Wiscasset, ME 04578. Thank you!

John 8:31-32

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Mark 8:22-26

²² They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him.

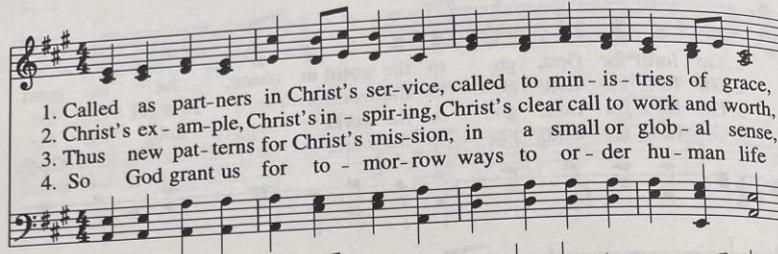
²³ He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man’s eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, “Do you see anything?”

²⁴ He looked up and said, “I see people; they look like trees walking around.”

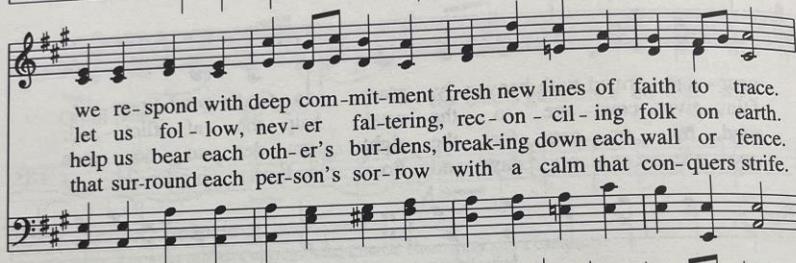
²⁵ Once more Jesus put his hands on the man’s eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

²⁶ Jesus sent him home, saying, “Don’t even go into the village.

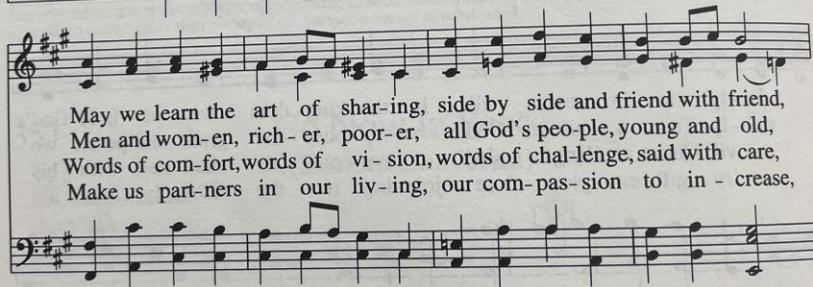
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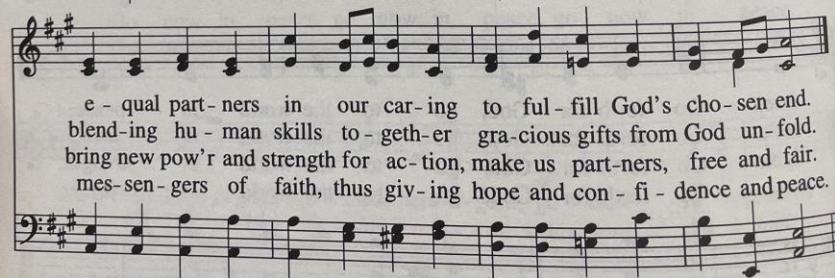
1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min - is - tries of grace,
 2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3. Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, in a small or glob - al sense,
 4. So God grant us for to - mor - row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re - spond with deep com - mit - ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal - tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens, break - ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur - round each per - son's sor - row with a calm that con - quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar - ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom - en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal - lenge, said with care,
 Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, our com - pas - sion to in - crease,



e - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new pow'r and strength for ac - tion, make us part - ners, free and fair.
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981, alt.
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1855

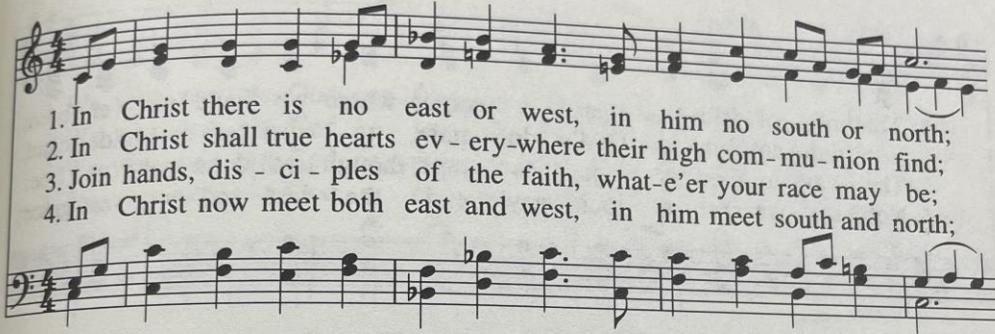
John Zundel, organist of Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn NY,
 named this tune for his pastor, the celebrated preacher Henry Ward Beecher.
 Together they published the *Plymouth Hymnal* in 1855.

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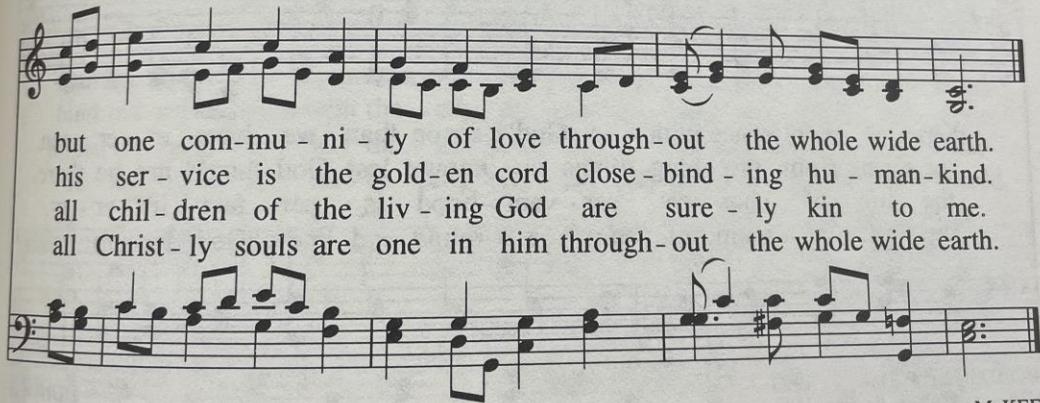
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In Christ There Is No East or West

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1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3. Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be;
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.
all chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.

MUSIC: African-American melody, arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

Oxenham wrote this for a great missionary pageant, *The Pageant of Darkness and Light*, presented in London and, subsequently, throughout England and America.

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Alternate tune: ST. PETER

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2. Be - fore God's gra - cious throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
 4. When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,

the fel - low-ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782, alt.

MUSIC: J. G. Nägeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

This text was written when 'ties that bind' convinced Fawcett that he should remain with the small Baptist congregation at Wainsgate, Yorkshire, England.

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