

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

10:00 A.M.



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

Prelude *Larghetto-cantabile* Stephen Surzynski

Ringing 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 *Meditation in G-major* A. Hesse

***Call to Worship**

One: Our Loving God gathers us from the east and the west, from the north and from the south.

Many: The Holy One is in our midst. Let us say so!

One: We cried out to our God in the time of trouble and eased our distress.

Many: The Holy One is in our midst. God leads us on right paths.

One: Our Provider satisfies our thirst and meets our needs.

Many: The Holy One is in our midst. Consider God's steadfast love!

*Gathering Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* No. 469

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Loving God, you bind us to you in righteousness and covenant. May we see you in our midst, in our neighbors, and in ourselves. Clothe us in love and compassion, and continually fashion us as your people. Amen.

Instrumental Anthem *Le Cygne* Camille Saint-Saëns
Beth Whitney, Clarinet

Scripture Luke12:13-21 Reader: Cindy Clement

Morning Message "Bigger Barns" Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken

*Hymn

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

No. 450

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

Andantino

A. Hesse

*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.**

***Blessing for the Offering:**

Loving God, may we show our love through these gifts. Bless them and magnify them so that all creation will benefit from your abundance and gift of life and love.

*Closing Hymn

Go Forth for God

No. 352

*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

Postlude in D-minor

J. Sachs



**All who are able may stand.*

Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Brad Adler*

Ushers: *Beth Maxwell and Martha Speed*

Flowers: *Joan Shea*

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

Organist: *Joel Pierce*

Sexton: *Mary McKinney*

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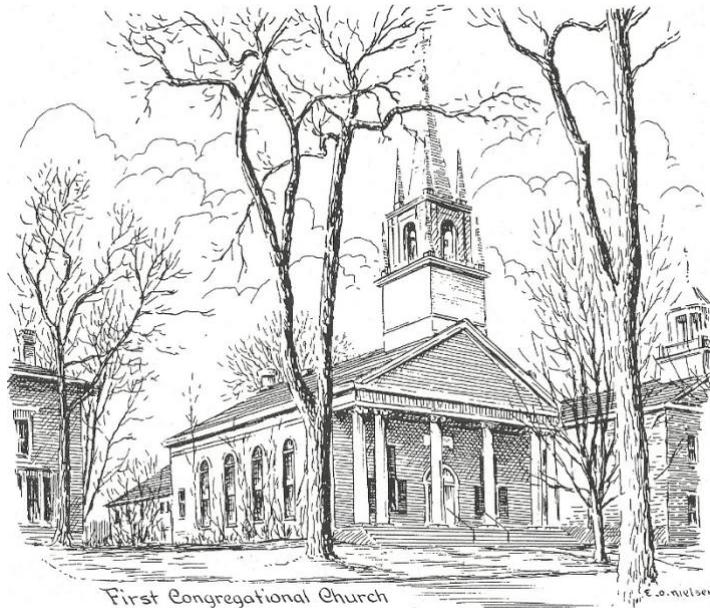
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



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Coming Up This Week:

Monday, August 1, Game Night 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Sunday, August 7: Worship 10am

Book Discussion Group

Mark your calendars for Thursday afternoons in August for an in-person discussion of *The Good Life: Where Morality & Spirituality Converge* by Richard Gula (1999, Paulist Press). We'll meet at 1:30 p.m. in the parlor for rich, informal conversation about our lives as children of God. Bring a beverage and a friend! Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken, revlignitzharken@gmail.com. Please e-mail Amy to learn more, or to say you'll be coming.

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!

Luke 12:13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'

18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'

19 And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'

20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

our help-er strong a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed the truth to tri-umph through us.
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours through Christ who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; with craft and pow-er
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sab-a-oth his
 The powers of e-vil grim, we trem-ble not for them; their rage we can en-
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y they may

great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not an equal.
 name. From age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.
 dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit-tle word shall fell them.
 kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still, God's king-dom is for-ev-er.

WORDS: Martin Luther, c. 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852, alt.; st. 3 alt. Ruth Duck, 1981 EIN' FESTE BURG
 MUSIC: Melody Martin Luther, c. 1529 87.87.66.667

Based on Psalm 46, this hymn by Martin Luther was probably inspired by the 1529 meeting that gave birth to the word 'Protestant.' Luther wrote or edited thirty-seven hymns and many hymn tunes.

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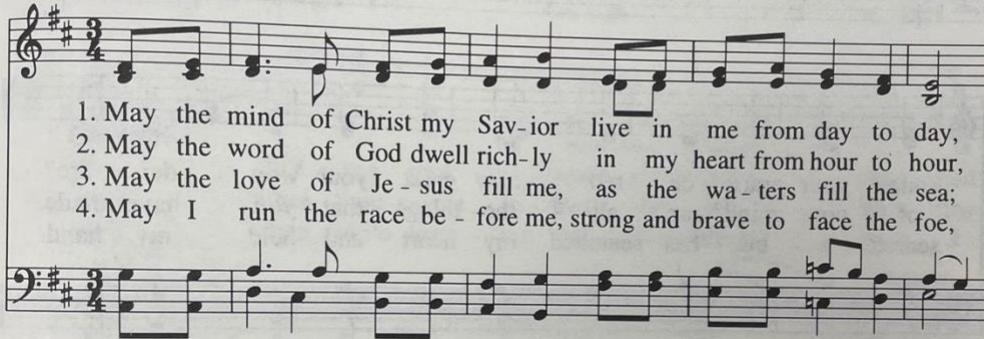
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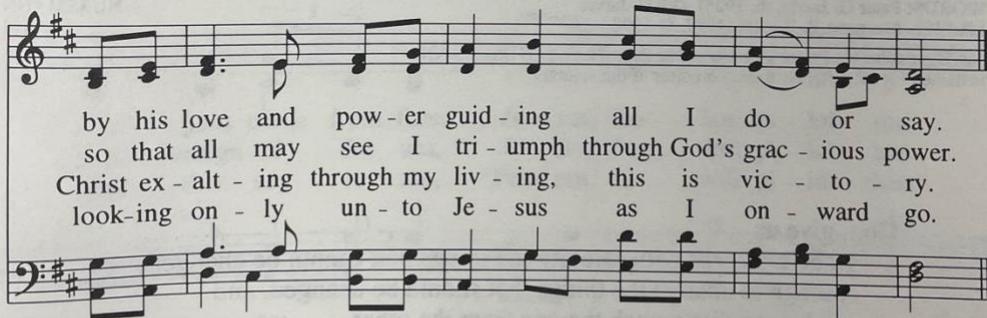
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May the Mind of Christ My Savior

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1. May the mind of Christ my Sav-ior live in me from day to day,
2. May the word of God dwell rich-ly in my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the love of Je - sus fill me, as the wa - ters fill the sea;
4. May I run the race be - fore me, strong and brave to face the foe,



by his love and pow - er guid - ing all I do or say.
so that all may see I tri - umph through God's grac - ious power.
Christ ex - alt - ing through my liv - ing, this is vic - to - ry.
look - ing on - ly un - to Je - sus as I on - ward go.

WORDS: Kate Barclay Wilkinson, (1859-1928), alt.
MUSIC: Keith Landis, 1994; harm. Alfred Fedak, 1994, alt.

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In this simple prayer, we are invited to surrender ourselves to the indwelling Christ.
The tune was written by Landis, editor of the hymnal *Songs for the People of God*.

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Go Forth for God

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1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
 2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength - en the
 3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the
 4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's

cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace, in God's good Spir - it
 faint, give cour - age to the weak; help the af - flict - ed;
 good, be ur - gent for the right; ren - der to no one
 peo - ple ev - ery day and hour, and serv - ing Christ, our

dai - ly to in - crease, till in the king - dom we be - hold God's
 rich - ly from a - bove God's love sup - plies the grace and power we
 e - vil; Christ at length shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his
 ev - 'ry gift em - ploy, re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's

face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
 seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
 light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
 power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,

WORDS: John Raphael Peacey, 1975
 MUSIC: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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English Anglican Canon Peacey began writing hymn texts after retirement in 1966. He based this text on Paul's letter to the Romans (12:9-21).

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