

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022

10:00 A.M.



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

Prelude *Prelude in G Major – by A. Schreiner*

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 *Prelude on “New Britain” – arr. Wilbur Held*
“Amazing Grace”

Call to Worship

One: Come, meet the Righteous One, who hears our desires for ourselves and our world.

Many: We come boldly and joyfully, praising God who gives us life.

One: Come, praise the Righteous One, who brings us challenges, sustains our efforts for good, and comforts us in our distress.

Many: God helps us to see our world truthfully, in all its beauty and all its potential.

One: Come, know that you are loved. Come, know God calls each of us to be more than we think possible.

Many: May we rise to meet God’s best hopes for us. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

No. 9

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Loving Creator God, we are thankful that grace, mercy and justice flow from You. We rejoice in knowing your love is endless. May your steadfast love embolden us to love our neighbors. In trust, we yield our hearts and minds to you. Transform us, so that we may be vessels for your mercy, justice, and courageous peace. Amen.

**All who are able may stand.*

Choral Anthem *Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace* – by Jody Lindh

Scripture Genesis 32:22-31 Cindy Clement, Reader

Sermon “*Wrestling*” Rev. Amy Lignitz Harken

*Hymn *All My Hope On God is Founded* No. 416

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 *Meditation Religieuse* – by A. Schreiner

*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**

Steadfast One, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them. Thank you that we have an abundance of resources to share so that every need is met. May we always give from wide open hearts, and may what we give be used in ways pleasing to you. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *Have Faith in God* No. 422

*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 on "Duke Street" – arr. Wilbur Held
"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"*



Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Tom Kovarik*
Ushers: *Dewey & Anne Harris*
Flowers: *Nancy Roby*

Interim Minister: *Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken*
Organist: *Joel Pierce*
Sexton: *Mary McKinney*
Office Administrator: *Janet Leonard*

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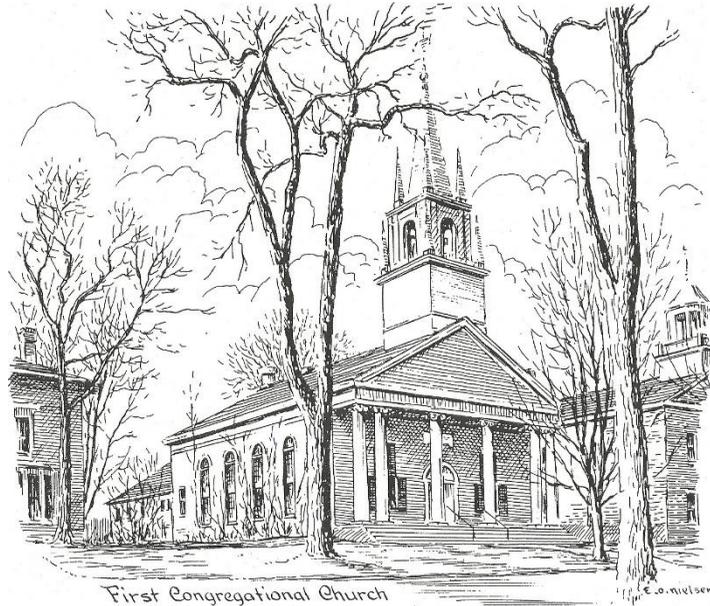
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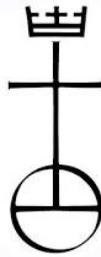
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



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Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, October 16:	Worship 10am Youth Group 11:30am Diaconate 11:30am Search Committee 6:30pm
Monday, October 17:	Game Night 6:00pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday, October 18:	Sheepscot Chorus 7:00pm-9:00pm
Wednesday, October 19:	Organ Society 9:30am - 11:00am Church Council 7:30pm
Thursday, October 20:	Chimes Rehearsal 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm
Sunday, October 23:	Worship 10am Stewardship Kickoff

Announcements

Remembrance Sunday

On Oct. 30, we will mark “Remembrance Sunday.” On this day, we will honor those souls who have passed into God’s eternal care in 2020, 2021, and 2022 (to date). This will include the saints of FCCW, and loved ones of church members. If you have someone you would like to honor, please e-mail the church office with the name of your beloved, and their date of death.

Amistad Prepares for Winter

The Amistad program is in need of socks, blankets and warm clothing. Katie Junkert is our contact with these important programs, and has placed a tote outside Fellowship Hall where your donated items can be placed.

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!

Neighbors in Need – Special UCC Offering

We will be taking up the special UCC Offering called “Neighbors in Need” on Nov. 13. Tom Beane, from CIS, will be giving a Minute for Mission on Nov. 6 with a bulletin insert included. More information will be in the bulletin for next week.

Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, ‘Let me go, for the day is breaking.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go, unless you bless me.’ ²⁷ So he said to him, ‘What is your name?’ And he said, ‘Jacob.’ ²⁸ Then the man^[a] said, ‘You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,^[b] for you have striven with God and with humans,^[c] and have prevailed.’ ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, ‘Please tell me your name.’ But he said, ‘Why is it that you ask my name?’ And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel,^[d] saying, ‘For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.’ ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

