

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2022

10:00 A.M.



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

Prelude *Adagio for Strings* Samuel Barber

Ringing of the Bell Brad Adler

Welcome and Informal Moments

This is the day the Lord has made... Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Moment of Silence in Remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001

Musical Introit *Suite in G, Op. 43, III: Air* Raymond Weidner

Call to Worship

One: Come, Beloved of God, the blistering wind of life is not the end.

Many: May the eye of the storm still us into wholeness and hope.

One: May the wind of God turn us around toward trust in Holy promises.

Many: May our promises to God be pressed anew into our hearts and minds.

One: May everything of excess be released and refined for Love's good work.

Many: May God's vision of a world made new arise from God's wind in and through us.

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

***Unison Prayer of Invocation (Remembering 9/11)**

O Holy Wind of God, sweep through our lives. Stretch wide our hearts, open our minds, saturate our souls and form us anew in the gift of this day. Let painful memories of this day evoke creative responses to violence. Renew our commitment to love in the face of fear, hope in the midst of despair, and offer mercy to every broken place. Form anew the heart and mind of Christ in us, here, now, today. Amen.

Choral Anthem

Scripture Ps. 51:1-17; 1 Tim. 1:12-17 Sarah Joyce, Reader

Morning Message “*Appointed to Serve*” Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken

*Hymn *Called As Partners in Christ’s Service* No. 353

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 *Suite in G, Op. 43, I. Diapason Movement*

*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:**

Generous God, let our thanksgivings rise for the miracles you place in our path at every turn. Call forth awe at the miracles of life stirring all around us. May we be faithful stewards of this congregation, of our communities, and of the resources you have placed within our care. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *This is a Day of New Beginnings* No. 414

*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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Tune: Bryn Calfaria/arr. Carolyn Smith



**All who are able may stand.*

Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Brad Adler*

Ushers: *Youth Group*

Flowers: *Linda Wallace*

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

Organist: *Joel Pierce*

Sexton: *Mary McKinney*

Office Administrator: *Janet Leonard*

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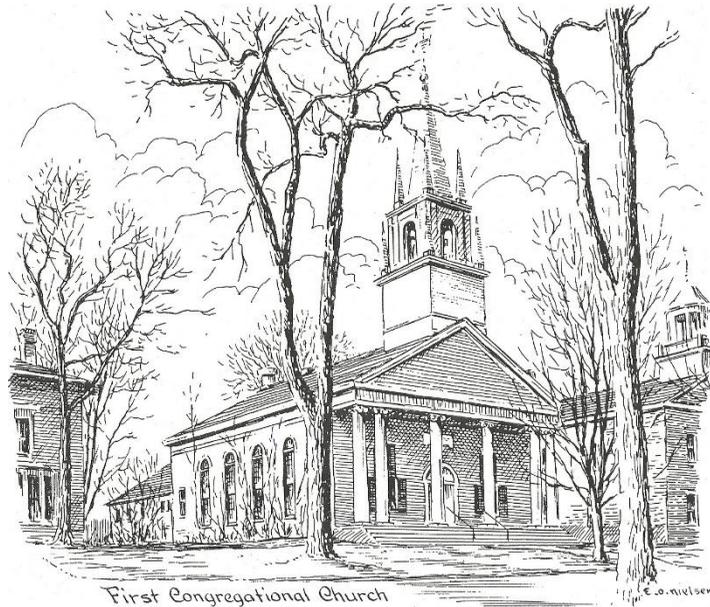
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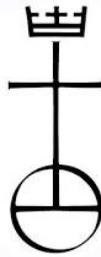
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



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Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, September 11, Homecoming Sunday: Worship 10am

Monday, September 12: Game Night 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, September 14: Organ Society 9:30 - 11:00 am

Sunday, September 18: Worship 10am

Announcements

Potluck after Worship

Please join us for a potluck supper after worship today. Even if you didn't know, or forgot, you are welcome! After all, it is HOMECOMING. The Pastoral Search Committee will also be updating us on their work.

Office Changes

Janet Leonard is with us again (like a bad penny you can't get rid of!) and will be in the office on Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 12pm. The office will be open on Tuesday as usual and supported by volunteers. Thanks to all and Steve Whitfield for working all this out.

Organ Society 200th Anniversary This Year

Amazing how long this organization has been working to support the church's work in so many ways. For example, 10 years ago at their 190th anniversary they raised enough Money to purchase two beautiful brass vases to use for flowers. They are being used today so take a look.

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!

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
⁵Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
⁶You desire truth in the inward being;^[a]
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret
heart.
⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be
clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than
snow.
⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed
rejoice.
⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me^[a] with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible,^[b] the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.^[c] Amen.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right^[b] spirit within
me.
¹¹Do not cast me away from your
presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from
me.
¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing^[c] spirit.
¹³Then I will teach transgressors your
ways,
and sinners will return to you.
¹⁴Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your
deliverance.
¹⁵O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
¹⁶For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you
would not be pleased.
¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God^[d] is a
broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you
will not despise.