

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 2022

10:00 A.M.



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

Prelude *Nocturne* – by Felix Mendelssohn

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 on Brother James' Air* – arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

One: Come, beloved of God, and pause in this sacred place..

Many: We come betwixt and between, pulled in many directions.

One: Trust that the Holy One is already forming a new creation in you.

Many: We come trusting God's mercy to center and change us.

One: Indeed, the Holy One calls you by name for deeds of mercy.

Many: May God's ancient action be a present presence as we gather.

*Gathering Hymn *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* No. 16

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Holy Love, create in us a readiness for renewal. Shape our hearts for healing, our minds for mending, and our souls for sharing. Still our spirits to discover Your prayer rising in our praying. It is a prayer that we may be formed by Your love made known to us in Jesus Christ. Transform our inner selves that our outer lives may reflect your will and way of mercy into the world.

**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

When In Our Music God Is Glorified – arr. Wilbur Held



Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Brad Adler*

Usher: *Cindy Clement*

Flowers: *Nancy Roby*

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

Organist: *Joel Pierce*

Sexton: *Mary McKinney*

Office Administrator: *Janet Leonard*

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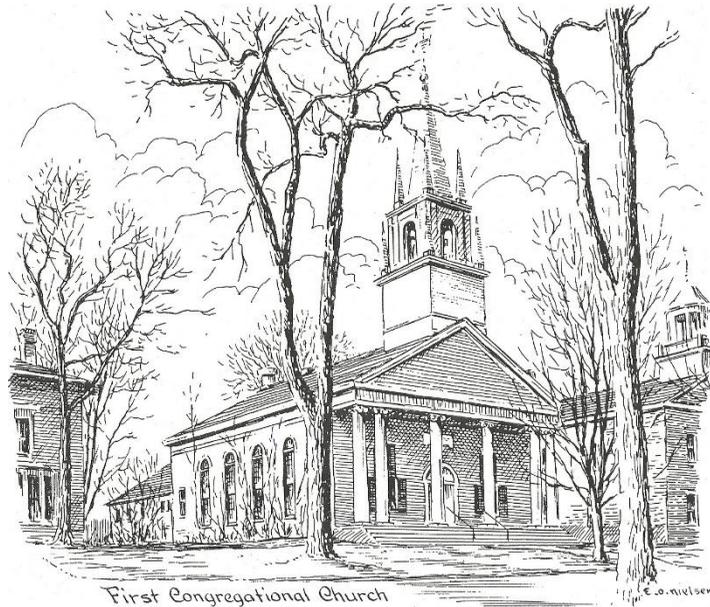
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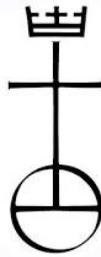
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



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Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, October 9:	Worship 10am
Monday, October 10:	Game Night 6:00pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday, October 11:	Sheepscot Chorus 7:00pm-9:00pm
Wednesday, October 12:	Organ Society 9:30am - 11:00am
Thursday, October 13:	Chimes Rehearsal 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm
Sunday, October 16:	Worship 10am

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.

2 Kings 5:1-5a; 7-14

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.^[a] 2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'^[b] 4 So Naaman^[c] went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. 5 And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy?'^[a] Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' 9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' 11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!'^[b] 12 Are not Abana^[c] and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.