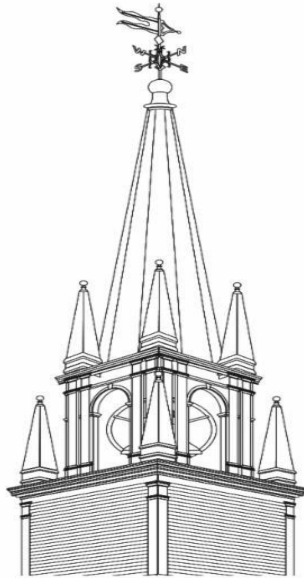




We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset whether present in the sanctuary, joining us on streaming video, or watching our service in the future.

VISION: We are on a journey to reflect God's love, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of all.

MISSION: Together we strive to praise God, grow in faith, cultivate love, spread joy, care for all people and God's creation, promote peace, and do justice.

We welcome all to our worship service.

October 11, 2026

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND ADA SUNDAY SPIRITUAL

Spiritual Contemplation Quotes for the week: “Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost.” Thomas Jefferson

Gathering

PRELUDE

‘Andante Cantabile’

Peter Tchaikovsky

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS INTROIT

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, eternal God, come where we are gathered to celebrate reconciliation: yours with us, and ours with each other.

P: Your lifegiving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death, which try to separate us from you. They have also conquered the powers of hatred, hostility, and bitterness, which try to separate your people from each other.

L: You have called us to be the salt of the earth—to preserve and enhance what is good.

P: You have called us to be the light of the world, to be beacons of your saving grace and your love.

L: You have called us to be peacemakers, and in so doing to be blessed and to bless many others.

P: Even as we bring our sacrifice of praise to you, help us to bring the peacemaking ceasefire of resolution, understanding, loving acceptance, and reconciliation to our neighbors everywhere.

* OPENING HYMN

‘Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee’

Red Hymnal No.7

OPENING INVOCATION TO PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS: After each Joy or Concern, please respond:

Pastor: “God,” Congregation: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Global Mission Partner Prayer: Mexico (Page 4)

MORNING PRAYER AND SILENT MOMENTS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (The words are printed on the inside the back of the red hymnal)

SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:12-17 (New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

* HYMN *'Dear Lord, Who Loves All Humankind'* v.1-4 only Red Hymnal No.275

SERMON *'Thomas Jefferson Speaks....'*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHORAL OFFERTORY *'Intermezzo'* Johannes Brahms

DEDICATION PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN *'Now We Thank we All our God'* Red Hymnal No.27

BENEDICTION

Benedictory Responses Go Now In Peace (The words are printed in the inside of the back of the red Hymnal)

POSTLUDE *'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee'* David Cherwien

You are invited to sit for the postlude.

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“Our worship ends, let our service begin”

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Those serving you today:

Ushers: FCCW Youth Group

Reader: Sarah Joyce

Flowers: Martha Speed

Online Streaming: Tom Clement

Please join us for fellowship, coffee or tea, and refreshments in Fellowship Hall following worship.

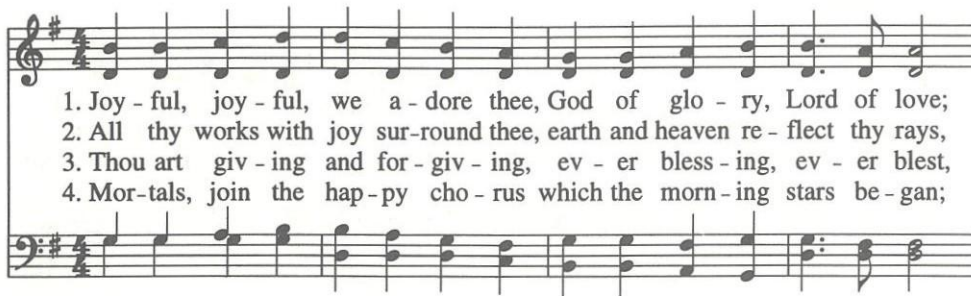
Happy October Birthdays to Zoe Bigley, Thomas Cramer, Anne Crispin, Judi Coombe, Raegan Eddy, Carol Peck and Greg Shaw

Global Mission Partner this week: Mexico

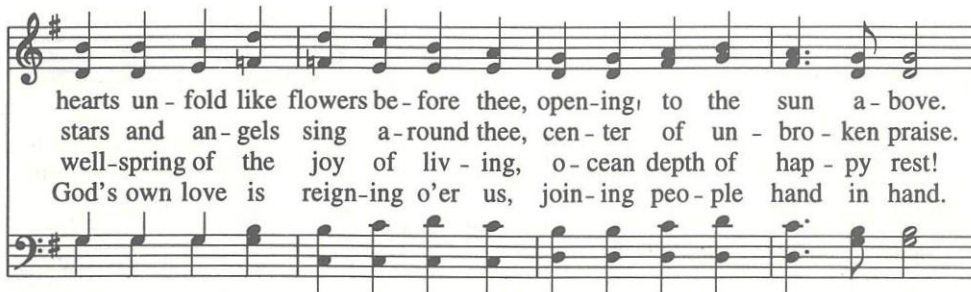
The doorbell rang. After looking through the porthole, a precaution in these uncertain times, the administrator at the Institute for Intercultural Studies and Research guardedly opened the door to a stranger holding a large sack of limes. “I have come,” the man explained, “to thank the tree specialist from this Institute. Ten years ago, he helped me plant lime trees on my land, and I want to share the abundance of the harvest with him.” The elderly forester, who worked tirelessly at the Institute to replant Chiapas with native species and fruit trees, died a few years ago. With tears in his eyes and a smile on his face, the farmer handed over the lemons, saying, “Thank you for the gift of the trees. It has taken years, but I want this organization to also savor the fruits of its labor.” As Catholics, Protestants, and seekers of Mayan spirituality, we prepare to celebrate the thirty-year anniversary of the Institute in 2027. We consider our deceased tree-keeper friend, the farmer, the trees, and that sack of limes and ask: “What seeds do we need to plant today to harvest the fruits we would like to share in the future?”

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

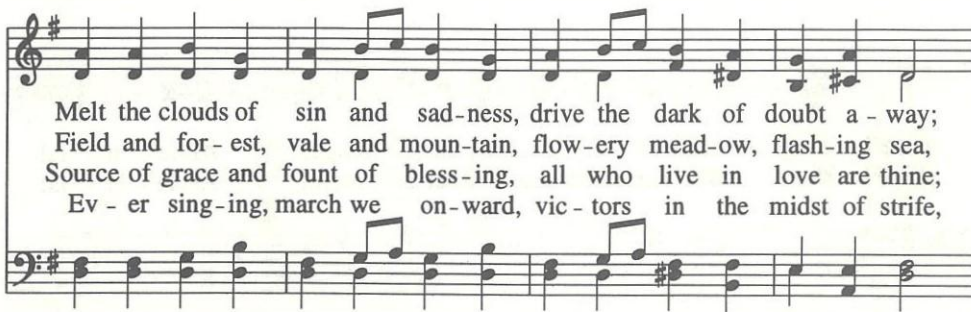
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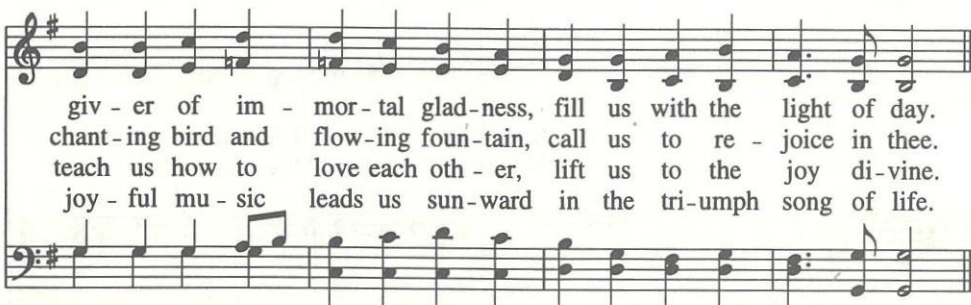
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing, to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 God's own love is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing peo - ple hand in hand.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Source of grace and fount of bless - ing, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife,



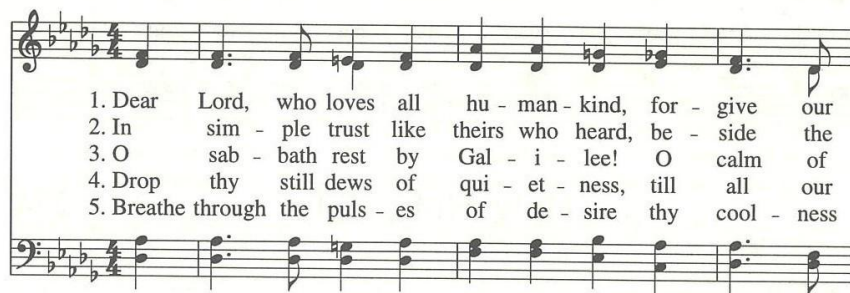
giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

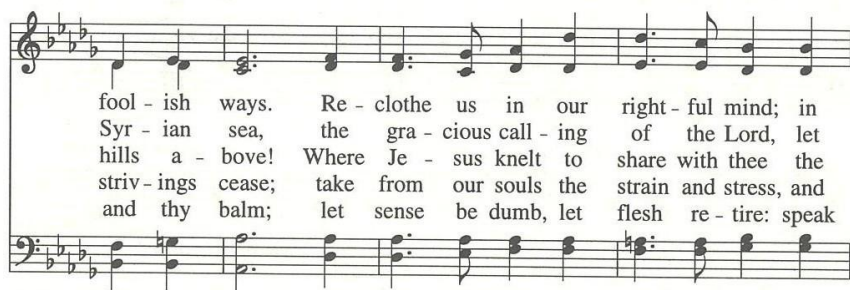
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1864

HYMN TO JOY
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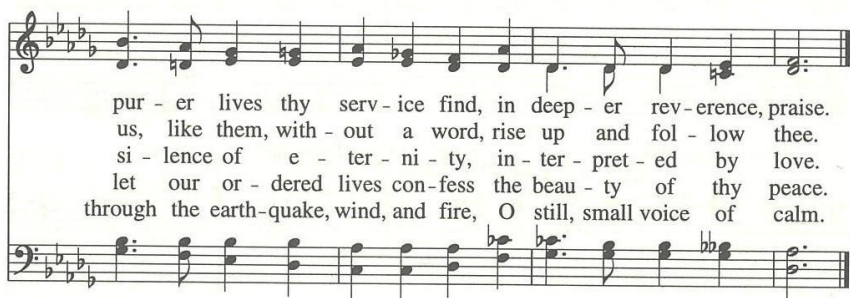
275 Dear Lord, Who Loves All Humankind



1. Dear Lord, who loves all hu - man - kind, for - give our
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the
 3. O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of
 4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our
 5. Breathe through the puls - es of de - sire thy cool - ness



fool - ish ways. Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; in
 Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 hills a - bove! Where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 striv - ings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire: speak



pur - er lives thy serv - ice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love.
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

WORDS: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872, alt.

MUSIC: Frederick C. Maker, 1887

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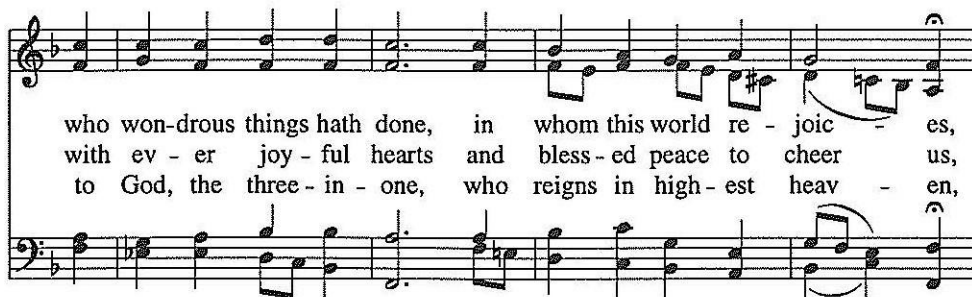
The American Quaker poet Whittier's poem 'The Brewing of Soma' concludes with these verses depicting the spirit of true worship.

What does the Lord require of you
 but to do justice, and to love mercy,
 and to walk humbly with your God?

— Micah 6:8, RSV



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God almighty now be given;



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices,
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 to God, the three-in-one, who reigns in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in all grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Announcements

Congratulations to Rev. John & Hogue Family!!!!

They welcome a grandson, **Cian Kristof Hogue-Chelle**. He was born September 29 at 7:14 pm, weighing 6lbs, 5oz and 20 inches long!

Today

Sunday October 11 – ADA Sunday & ‘Thomas Jefferson Speaks’ ...

FCCW Youth Group Ushers

October 12 – Indigenous People’s Day-**Church Office Closed**

October 13 -Property & Finance meeting 11:00am

October 17 – Church Clean-Up Day 9:00am

October 19 – Council meeting 6:30pm

Coming Up This Week

Monday, October 12

Rev. John’s Office Hours 9:00am-12:00pm

Office Hours 9:30am – 1:30pm

Mah Jongg 3:00pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday, October 13

Rev. John’s Office Hours 9:00am-12:00pm

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Property & Finance meeting 11:00am

SVC Practice 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 14

Rev. John’s Office Hours 9:00am-12:00pm

Organ Society meeting 9:30am

Office Hours 10:00am – 2:00pm

Feed Our Scholars 11:00am

Thursday, October 15 FCCW Choir rehearsals resume under the leadership of

Bradley Krueger 4:00pm

Saturday, October 17

Church Clean-Up Day! 9:00am

Sunday, October 18

Sunday Worship 10:00am

Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following worship

Worship & Music meeting after church