

7th Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

10:00 A.M.



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

Prelude *Prelude* Gaston Litaize

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 *Morning Prayer* Nicholas Palmer

Call to Worship

One: We have been invited to know God.

Many: Let us enter into the wisdom of God.

One: We have been invited to be bearers of God's justice.

Many: Let us enter into the justice of God.

One: We have been invited to boldly live out God's truth.

Many: Let us enter into the truth of God.

One: We have been invited to embody God's unity.

Many: Let us enter into the unity of God.

All: Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* No. 537

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Holy Healing One, we come as standard-bearers of your love, offering our disconnected lives in return for your unity. May we know you in this place, not as lone individuals but as faithful fragments seeking to be made whole again. Amen.

Instrumental Anthem *Berceuse* Benjamin Goddard

Scripture Acts 16: 16-24 page. 104

Morning Message "The Fortune-Teller" Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken

*Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (verses 1-3)* No. 224

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

Träumerei

Robert Schumann

*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:**

May these gifts be used to support, nurture and advance the cause of God's unity, truth, justice, and wisdom. May we and our gifts be activated by the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*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

Prelude in G-minor

J. S. Bach



**All who are able may stand.*

Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Brad Adler*

Ushers: *Nancy Roby*

Flowers: *Nancy Roby*

In honor of Wally's 95th Birthday!

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

Organist: *Joel Pierce*

Sexton: *Mary McKinney*

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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.



May 29, 2022

Coming Up This Week:

Wednesday, June 1: Feed our Scholars -packing boxes, 10:30 am

Sunday, June 5: Worship 10am

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!

Upcoming:

Organ Society picnic lunch at Fort Edgecomb at noon on Wednesday, June 8th. All invited. Bring a picnic lunch.

Acts 16:16-34

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation."

18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews

21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe."

22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

537 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Trumpets, before each stanza (optional)

1. God of the a - ges, whose al-might-y hand
 2. Thy love di-vine hath led us in the past;
 3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes - ti-lence,
 4. Re - fresh thy peo - ple on life's toil-some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
 be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,
 be thou our rul - er, guard-ian, guide, and stay,
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

WORDS: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876, alt. 1
 MUSIC: George W. Warren, 1894

NATIONAL HYMN
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Episcopalian minister Roberts wrote this hymn for Brandon, Vermont's celebration of the Centennial of American Independence.

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart 224

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, our true Light?
 4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
 5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

warm it with hope, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 All, all thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear:
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - it - ant, no o - pening skies,
 I see thy cross, my bea - con in the night;
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove.

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

WORDS: George Croly, 1867, alt.
 MUSIC: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

MORECAMBE
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Croly was an Irish literary figure also noted for conservative preaching in his London retirement.

GOD PRESENT IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

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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

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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