

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

10:00 A.M.



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

Prelude

Communion Meditation

Richard Lloyd

Ringling 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

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

arr. Wilson

Call to Worship

One: Hungry for peace, we arrive at this time of worship.

Many: Eager to taste God's blessings, we arrive.

One: Thirsting for community, we prepare our spirits for this time of worship.

Many: Ready to connect with God and our neighbor, we prepare.

One: Longing for the joy, hope, and faith that sustains us, we enter this time of worship.

Many: Settled into the loving heart of God, we enter.

*Gathering Hymn

Here in this Place

No. 250

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Bountiful Creator, we open our hearts to you so that you may fill us with wonderful things. Be with us now as we seek your wisdom, desiring to become the people you would have us be.

Instrumental Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Reader: Tom Clement

Morning Message

“Around the Table”

Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken

*Hymn

In Remembrance of Me

No. 322

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 *Jesus, Name Above All Names/My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Wilson

*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:**

Holy and generous giver, we thank you for this opportunity to share our gifts and participate in the various ministries you've placed before us. Bless these monies and each one of us as we strive to continue your work in the world. Amen.

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Invitation

Communion Prayer & Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Closing Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

No. 429

*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

To God Be the Glory

W. H. Doane



**All who are able may stand.*

Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Brad Adler*

Ushers: *Tom Beane and Roger Whitney*

Flowers: *Margot Stiassni-Seracki*

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

Organist: *Joel Pierce*

Sexton: *Mary McKinney*

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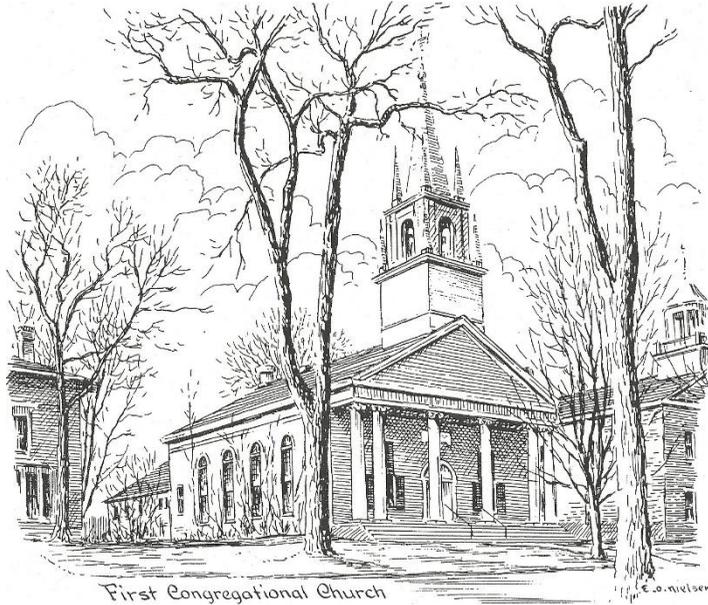
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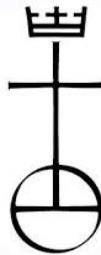
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically, growing
spiritually, and concerned socially.



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Coming Up This Week:

Monday, September 5: Game Night 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Sunday, September 11: Worship 10am

Organ Society

Organ Society will begin the Fall session on September 7th at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your ideas for Fall programs.

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!

Luke 14:1, 7-14

1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;

9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Here in This Place

(Gather Us In)

Unison

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, now the dark night has
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in your wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
 4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

van-ish-ed a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981, alt.

Marty Haugen is a member of Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis MN, where he is composer-in-residence.

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Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and

spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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In Remembrance of Me

1. In re - mem-brance of me, eat this bread. In re -
 2. (*In re -*) mem-brance of me, heal the sick. In re -

mem-brance of me, drink this wine. In re - mem-brance of me,
 mem-brance of me, feed the poor. In re - mem-brance of me,

1.
 pray for the time when God's own will is done. In re -
 o - pen the door and let your neigh - bors

2.
 in, let them in. Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed;

WORDS: Ragan Courtney, 1972, alt.
 MUSIC: Buryl Red, 1972; arr. Robert F. Douglas

This song is excerpted from the musical *Celebrate Life* by Buryl Red. Courtney is a Houstonian who was a drama professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville KY.

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drink and re - mem - ber too. That this is my bod-y and this my

blood shed for you, shed for you. In re - mem-brance of

me, search for truth. In re - mem-brance of me, al-ways love.

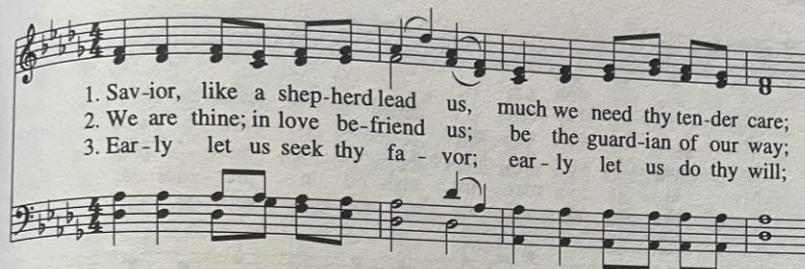
In re - mem-brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart

look for God. Do this in re - mem-brance of me.

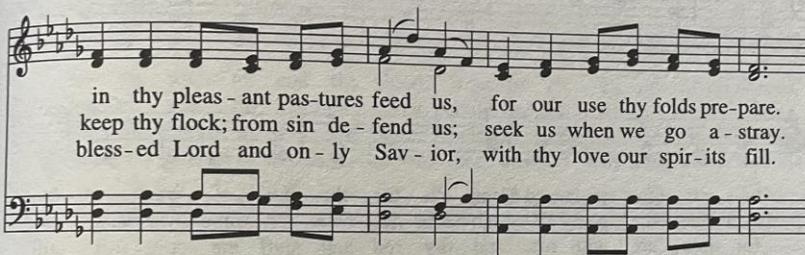
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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

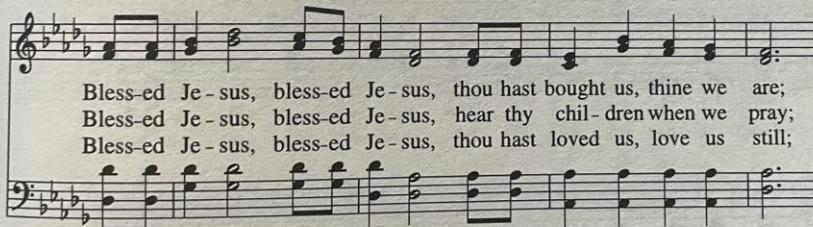
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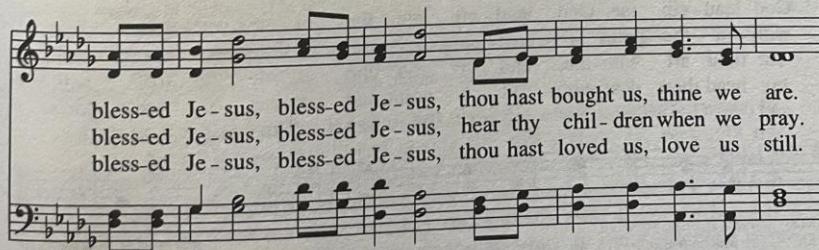
1. Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care;
2. We are thine; in love be-friend us; be the guard-ian of our way;
3. Ear-ly let us seek thy fa-vor; ear-ly let us do thy will;



in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre-pare.
keep thy flock; from sin de-fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with thy love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear thy chil-dren when we pray;
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;



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WORDS: Attr., Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836, alt.
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1859

Londoner Dorothy Ann Thrupp was a frequent contributor of children's hymns. Baptist American William Bradbury wrote countless hymns and edited over seventy hymnbooks.

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