

*Hymn

Lord, We Would Be Instruments of Loving Service

No. 354

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

Adagio in F-Major – by John Bennett

*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.**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

Steadfast One, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them. Thank you for the abundance of resources to share. May we always give from wide open hearts, and may our gifts be used for Your purposes. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Break Not the Circle

No. 367

*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 – arr. Carolyn Smith



**All who are able may stand.*

Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Tom Kovarik*

Ushers: *Ruth Gilbert & Tom Beane*

Flowers: *Carol & Gardner Knight*

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

Organist: *Joel Pierce*

Sexton: *Mary McKinney*

Office Administrator: *Janet Leonard*

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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 18:	Worship 10am
Monday, September 19:	Game Night 6:00 - 8:30pm Trustees 6:30pm
Tuesday, September 20:	Sheepscot Chorus 7:00pm-9:00pm
Wednesday, September 21:	Organ Society 9:30 - 11:00am Church Council 7:30pm
Thursday, September 22:	Chimes Rehearsal 3:00pm
Thursday, September 22:	Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm
Sunday, September 25:	Worship 10am

Announcements

Next Sunday

Next Sunday we welcome special guest preacher Associate Conference Minister Rev. Alexis Fuller-Wright. She will be available after worship to meet the congregation. Welcome Alexis!

Blessing of the Animals

Wiscasset Town Common will be the location of our second annual **BLESSING OF ANIMALS** on Sunday October 2, at 2:00pm. All are welcome to bring their pets on leash or carrier, a photo of your pets or a stuffed animal to be blessed.

There will also be representatives from RESCUE CHARLIE'S FRIENDS who will share the work they are committed to. They are a nonprofit 501c3 all breed dog rescue. They are dedicated to rescuing homeless and abused dogs from high kill shelters to give them a good life in a great loving home! They have most recently moved into their new facilities in Woolwich.

There will be a photo booth with digital photo of you and your pet(s) being taken to celebrate your wonderful relationship with your companion! Treats for your 'fur babies' as well!

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.

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 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,^[d] who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."