

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

10:00 A.M.



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

Prelude *Lento Cantabile* – by Robert Hughes

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Message from the Organ Society

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24

Musical Introit *Air* – by Blanche Byles

Call to Worship

One: This is a time of change. We feel nourishing rain and revitalizing sun.

Many: This is a time of change. Obscuring fog of the morning gives way to vibrant foliage in the afternoon.

One: This is a time of gathering and work. We collect the fruits of the harvest, and assess what we need to do next.

Many: This is a time of gathering and love. We collect with our friends and family, rejoicing to be alive.

One: This is a time of possibility: We don't know what's ahead but we know God provides.

Many: We come now to worship God, our provider and sustainer through all seasons. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy!

No. 10

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Blessed God, as we meet you in this place we are grateful. Each of us has experienced loss and disappointment. Each of us has been through pain. We come this morning with outstretched hands and hearts, ready to receive your abundant love. Grace us with your abiding mercy, invigorate our spirits, and receive our joyful praise that you have brought us to this moment. Amen

**All who are able may stand.*

Choral Anthem *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* – by Michael Larkin

Scripture Jeremiah 31:27-34 Libby Mooney, Reader

Sermon “*Coming Days*” Rev. Amy Lignitz Harken

*Hymn *God of Grace, and God of Glory* (insert)

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.

A Moment for Stewardship Deane Attwood

Offertory Music *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* – arr. Robert Hughes

*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**

Holy One, you invite us to share a portion of all that you have provided. Receive these gifts to the work of your kingdom. May they spread the good news of your never-ending love and provision. May they make a difference in the life of a world in need. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* No. S8

*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

Cwm Rhondda – by Paul Manz



Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Brad Adler*

Reader: *Libby Mooney*

Ushers: *Ginny Withee and Judith Sutter*

Flowers: *Anonymous*

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

Organist: *Joel Pierce*

Sexton: *Mary McKinney*

Office Administrator: *Janet Leonard*

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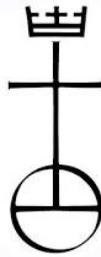
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



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Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, October 23:	Worship 10am Stewardship Kick-off Youth Group 11:30am
Monday, October 24:	Game Night 6:00pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday, October 25:	Sheepscot Chorus 7:00pm-9:00pm
Wednesday, October 26:	Organ Society 9:30am - 11:00am Trip to Re-Store 10am
Thursday, October 27:	Chimes Rehearsal 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm
Sunday, October 30:	Worship 10am Remembrance Sunday

Announcements

Stewardship Kickoff

This Sunday we will kick off our 2023 Stewardship Drive. Please be thinking and praying about what you can do to support God's work in our community. Deane Attwood will give a Moment for Stewardship this morning as the invitation to the offering.

Re-Store Tour

The Organ Society will be on the road to tour the Re-Store on Wednesday, October 26th. Everything sold at the Restore has been donated, and net proceeds pay for two programs: weatherization and repair of existing homes, and construction of new homes, including the homes on Federal Street. Volunteers provide labor for the construction and repair programs but most of the building materials must be purchased. Volunteers also provide half of the work hours at the Restore.

Cindy Clement is the Seven River's Habitat for Humanity contact for the church and will guide us through the store. We will carpool and leave the church parking lot at 10 o'clock. A sign up sheet is in Fellowship Hall, but a reservation is not required..

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 **by Wednesday** 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.

Scripture for Today: Jeremiah 31:27-34

²⁷ “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. ²⁸ And it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say:

‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

³⁰ But every one shall die for his own sin; each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”