

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*World Communion Sunday*  
*October 2, 2022*

10:00 A.M.



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

Prelude *Panis Angelicus/Bread of Angels* – C. Franck

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 *Thanks Be to God* – G. F. Handel

**Call to Worship**

One: We were formed through loving kinship with God, who is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**Many: We are created for connection to the Divine!**

One: God knew it was not right for us to be alone, and gave us each other.

**Many: We are created for fellowship with each other!**

One: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

**Many: We are created to be together in community!**

One: We rejoice in humankind's beautiful diversity, around the world, and around the corner.

**Congregation: We are created for harmonious union with all God's people!**

\*Gathering Hymn *In Christ There is No East or West* No. 381

**\*Unison Prayer of Invocation**

**Meet us here, Holy One, with all our questions and insecurities. Challenge our knowledge and certainties. Drench our faith with your abundant grace, so that we may be transformed. Remind us we are connected. Remind us we are one.**

**Amen.**

*\*All who are able may stand.*



\*Closing Hymn

*As We Gather at Your Table*

No. 314

\*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

*Postlude on "Italian Hymn" – arr. Albert Travis*



**Those serving you today:**

**Bell Ringer:** *Tom Kovarik*

**Ushers:** *Joan Shea, Judith Sutter*

**Flowers:** *Martha Speed*

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

**Organist:** *Joel Pierce*

**Sexton:** *Mary McKinney*

**Office Administrator:** *Janet Leonard*

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# First Congregational Church

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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 2:	Worship 10am, Communion Sunday Blessing of the Animals 2:00pm, Town Common
Monday, October 3:	Garden Club Board Meeting 10:00am, Fellowship Hall Game Night 6:00pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday, October 4:	Sheepscot Chorus 7:00pm-9:00pm
Wednesday, October 5:	Organ Society 9:30am - 11:00am
Thursday, October 6:	Garden Club 11:00am – 2:00pm Chimes Rehearsal 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm
Sunday, October 9:	Worship 10am

### Announcements

#### Blessing of the Animals

Wiscasset Town Common will be the setting for our second annual **BLESSING OF ANIMALS** today 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!

#### 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!

## **1 Corinthians 11:17-26**

<sup>17</sup> Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup> For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. <sup>20</sup> When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. <sup>21</sup> For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. <sup>22</sup> What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for<sup>[a]</sup> you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

