



## Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C

July 14, 2024 - 10:00 AM

**Worship at Fort Foster!**

(\* You are invited to stand as you are able)

### WE GATHER

Gathering Music	<i>Tribulations</i>	E. C. Ball
Welcome & Announcements		
Centering Music	<i>Crying Holy</i>	Traditional
Call to Community †		

One: Because we are gathered here, Jesus is in our midst! How will we bid him welcome?

***Many: Will we throw open the doors to our hearts and delight in his presence?***

When the Spirit shows up, surprising things can happen.

***Will we make ourselves ready?***

***Will we lay down our burdens and set aside our distractions?***

Here we receive good news: Nothing is too wonderful for God!

***So let us laugh and sing, rest and listen, dance and praise—***

\* Hymn ***Shall We Gather at the River*** HANSON PLACE

***Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?***

[Refrain:] ***Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.***

***On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.*** [Refrain]

***Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.*** [Refrain]

***Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*** [Refrain]

\* Gathering Prayer

***Wonderful, surprising God, you bring us hope when we are discouraged,  
peace when we are anxious, and joy when we least expect it.***

***Help us, now, to rest in your presence. Be our welcomed Guest not only here but  
everywhere we go this week, showing us how to receive all that you have to offer us.***

***May we remain open even to what seems too incredible to be true,  
for with you, so much more is possible than we even imagine.***

***We pray this in the name of your most Glorious Impossible, Jesus the Christ. Amen,***

\* Response

TRES TIOS

***Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!  
Re-carve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me, in sculpting me.***

Special Music

*Mighty Good Book*

Gillian Welch

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

(J Mary Luti)

***Spirit of the Living God, turn on the light of truth  
and wake up our hearts by the Word we now declare and ponder.  
In ancient pages let us find fresh life, fresh hope, and fresh courage  
for witness in your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen,***

The Scripture

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Ephesians 1:3-14

The Message

*"Let's Dance!"*

### **WE RESPOND**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Invitation and Promises

Congregational Assent

Jesus calls us to welcome and make disciples of all nations  
and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism.

Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care  
to the one about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

***We promise our love, support and care.***

Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith:

Do you believe in God? ***I believe in God.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? ***I believe in Jesus Christ.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? ***I believe in the Holy Spirit.***

Act of Baptism

Baptismal Hymn

TRES RIOS

***Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!  
Re-carve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me, in sculpting me.***

We Share our Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.***

***Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.***

***Give us today our daily bread,***

***and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.***

***Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen,***

**Invitation to Offering**

**Special Music**

*Cold Jordan*

Traditional

**\* Response**

**Amen**

African-American

**\* Dedication of Gifts**

***Generous God, we share what we have  
because we wish to serve you with the best we have to offer.  
Bless our tithes and offerings and intentions that they may become a bountiful feast  
for all who need to be filled with good things.  
Open our eyes to see the strangers you call us to welcome.  
Empower us to receive them as you do, with radically inclusive hospitality.  
May we recognize and delight in the gifts they share with us. Amen,***

**WE GO OUT**

**\* Hymn**

***I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table***

WELCOME TABLE

***I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, I'm going to eat at the welcome table, Allelu. (x2)***

***I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu.***

***I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu.***

***Here all the world will find a welcome. Here all the world will find a welcome, Allelu.***

***We're gonna feast on milk and honey. We're gonna feast on milk and honey, Allelu.***

**\* A Blessing**

**Music for Going Out**

*Jesus on The Mainline*

Traditional

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***Welcome to worship!***

You have been greeted this morning by Linda Wentworth and Elaine Hansberry.  
Our Ushers are Sylvia and David Sutton, and our Liturgist is Kathryn Varney.

Today we are blessed to receive Carla Murphy along with her son, Kevin Murphy, into the family of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism! Welcome Carla and Kevin!

We are delighted to welcome back *Old Hat String Band* to our worship this morning!  
*Old Hat* is Steve Roy on mandolin, fiddle and vocals, Whitney Roy on guitar and vocals,  
and Amanda Kowalski on bass!

Please join us after worship for a good old-fashioned Church Cookout and PotLuck!  
There's always more than enough for all!

With Pastor Brad taking some time off these next couple of weeks, we are delighted to welcome the Rev. Maren Tirabassi back to our pulpit on July 21 and 28!  
Rev. Marc Stewart, Interim Pastor at First Congregational - Kittery Point, will be providing coverage for pastoral emergencies and can be reached at (406) 647-2040.

## **Second Christian Church of Kittery - UCC**

**An Open and Affirming Congregation**

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Rev. Brad Hirst, Pastor • Mike Effenberger, Music Director • Charles Donnell, Treasurer

**Welcoming... Learning... Going Out...**

### **The Week Ahead:**

**Monday, July 15:**

6:00pm    Seacoast Gay Men

**Wednesday, July 17:**

10:00am    AA

**Thursday, July 18:**

No Prayer Time this week

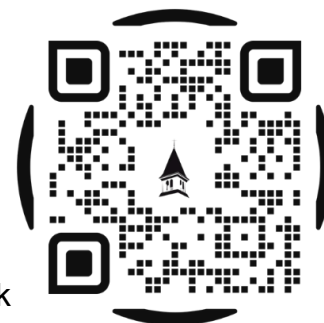
**Friday, July 19:**

No Breakfast with Brad *until August 2!*

**Sunday, July 21:**

***Worship for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***

Rev. Maren Tirabassi will be leading worship



### **Our Mission Statement**

**Second Christian Congregational**

**United Church of Christ**

***is a God-centered, Christ-formed, Spirit-led,  
Open and Affirming gathering of God's People.***

***It is our mission:***

***To welcome all people into our community of faith,***

***To learn together the cost and joy of discipleship, and***

***To go out into the world to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ,***

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*Shall We Gather at the River*

HANSON PLACE

WORDS and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1864

*I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*

WELCOME TABLE

WORDS: African-American spiritual, alt.

MUSIC: African-American spiritual, arr. Carl Ditson, alt.

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*Water, River, Spirit, Grace*

TRES RIOS

WORDS: Thomas Troeger, 1987

MUSIC: O. I. Cricket Harrison, 1994; arr. Gayle Schoepf, 1994

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