



Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C

July 21, 2024 - 10:00 AM

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome one and all! Whether you are gathering with us in-person or online,
Remember: No matter who you are, no matter who you love,
no matter where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here!*

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

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Call to Community (*responsive, follow leader*)

May there be hope in the center of my life today.

May there be kindness in the center of my life today.

May there be thankfulness in the center of my life today.

May there be Christ in the center of my life today.

* Hymn #56

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

* A Gathering Prayer

*Holy God, we come full of personal experiences from the past week to join in
common worship and mutual care. Help us to bear one another's burdens, pray for
one another's concerns and see with a new and clear perspective our own journeys
through the light of shared faith. Amen*

* Gloria

Hirst/Effenberger

Glory to you, creating One!

Glory to you, redeeming Son! Glory to you, O Spirit, come!

Meet us now, make us one! Glory to you, O God!

Special Music

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

*God, may words of scripture give insight for our lives now and may the openness of
our hearts to others in this place change our attitudes and decisions for ordinary
weekdays and unexpected challenges of the week to come. Amen*

The Scripture

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56; Ephesians 3:14-21

The Message

"Sometimes Fireworks are Replaced by Tidepools"

WE RESPOND

Prayer Hymn #628

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

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

* Response (#379 in hymnal)

ELLACOMBE

*Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
transform them into blessings on those we serve today.*

*Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill
the ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.*

* Dedication of Gifts

Bless, O God, all we have received and all we have given.

*Help us in the week to come to loosen our tight fists and stretch out our fingers
so we may hold hands with all your children. Amen*

WE GO OUT

* Hymn #439

God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

* A Blessing

*(When we leave worship we change the Call to Community to "YOU"
because the blessing we wish for the week to come is for one another.)*

May there be hope in the center of your life.

May there be kindness in the center of your life.

May there be thankfulness in the center of your life.

May there be Christ in the center of your life.

Music for Going Out

Liturgy created by Rev. Maren Tirabassi

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Welcome to worship!

You have been greeted this morning by Rob and Kathryn Varney.
Our Ushers are Nadine and Charlie Donnell, and our Liturgist is Donald Tirabassi.

We are delighted to welcome back the *Rev. Maren Tirabassi* to our pulpit this morning!
Please join us after worship for a time of refreshment and fellowship following worship.

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 this Sunday and next!
Between July 17 and 31, Rev. Marc Stewart, Interim Pastor at First Cong'l - Kittery Point, will be providing coverage for pastoral emergencies and can be reached at (207) 770-5175.

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Rev. Brad Hirst, Pastor • Mike Effenberger, Music Director • Charles Donnell, Treasurer
Welcoming... Learning... Going Out...

The Week Ahead:

Monday, July 22:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Wednesday, July 24:

10:00am AA

Thursday, July 25:

No Prayer Time this week...

Next week - In Person in the Parlor!

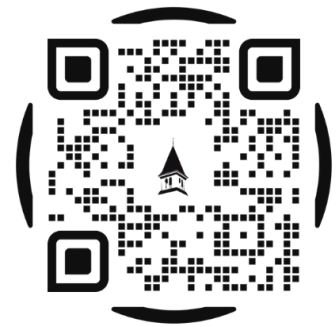
Friday, July 26:

No Breakfast with Brad until August 2!

Sunday, July 28:

Worship for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Maren Tirabassi will be leading worship again!



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,***

For the Beauty of the Earth

***For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.***

***For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise***

***For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.***

***For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.***

***For thy church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
one pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.***

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WORDS: Folliot Pierpoint, 1864

TUNE: Conrad Kocher, 1838, arr. William Henry Monk,
1861

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

***Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.***

***When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.***

***When the darkness appears
and night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.***

PRECIOUS LORD

WORDS and MUSIC: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

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God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

***God, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us
traveling through this wilderness.***

***Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyous sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound;
ever faithful, ever faithful,
to your truth may we be found.***

SICILIAN MARINERS

WORDS: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.

MUSIC: *The European Magazine and Review*, 1792;
harm. *The Methodist Hymn and Tune Book*, 1889, alt.