

# *Pentecost and Choir Sunday*

*June 9, 2019*

10:00 A.M.

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

Prelude *Thanks Be To Thee* – by G. F. Handel, arr. Rob Peery  
*Prelude on “Aurelia”* – by Samuel Sebastian Wesley,  
arr. John S. Dixon

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Choral Introit *Angels Came to Earth One Night* – by Pepper Choplin

\*Call to Worship

L: From the birth of Christ to the birth of the Church, we gather to remember and celebrate on this Pentecost Sunday.

**P: We recall how God’s Spirit has moved in our world from the very beginning and continues to move in our lives this day. Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

L: We gather to ask for God’s Spirit to fill our lives, to bolster us with courage, and to direct us in the holy work of ministry.

**P: Come, Holy Spirit, come! Lead and guide the Church as we praise and worship our God!**

L: So, let us enter this sacred time of worship, open to the ways in which God’s Spirit will move.

**P: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

\*Opening Hymn

*Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness*

No. 229

**Unison Prayer of Confession & Lord’s Prayer**

**Most Merciful God, we long for our lives to be guided by your Spirit. And still, we are led astray. At times, our thoughts are not guided by your Spirit of Love. Our deeds are not guided by your Spirit of Compassion. Our words are not guided by your Spirit of Grace.**

**Forgive us, O God, and lead us as we seek to live for you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying, “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.”**

Words of Assurance

Anthem *One by One* – by Paul Cardall  
Soloists: Ron Sanchez and Beth Whitney

Scripture Acts 2:1-21 Becky Lenz

Time for Children  
(*The children are dismissed to Church School until 11:00am.*)

\*Hymn *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life* No. 222

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer  
Choral Prayer Response  
*Kyrie from Memorial* – by Rene Clausen

Invitation to Offering  
Offertory *Come, Come Unto Me* – by Ken Dosso

**\*Doxology** **No. 44**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

(*As our morning offerings are brought forward, so too are the non-perishable food offerings from the basket in the Narthex for St. Philip's Food Pantry.*)

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Good and Gracious God, bless the offerings that we place before you. May they sustain the ministries of your church as we live out the call to be your people in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Sermon                    “*Happy Birthday, Church!*”                    Rev. Josh Fitterling

\*Closing Hymn                    *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*                    No. 7

Choral Benediction                    *Blessing* – by Katie Moran Bart

Postlude                    *Rejoice, the Lord is King* – by John Darwall,  
arr. Michael Wilson



*Thank you to our fantastic Organist & Choir Director, Linda Adams,  
for sharing her many gifts with our congregation!*

*Thank you to every member of our dedicated choir, for joining their  
talented voices in song to praise our God and help lead our worship!*

*Thank you to our Church School Teacher & Coordinator, Colleen Crowley,  
for shepherding our young people throughout this Church School year!*

**Church School & Choir will resume on Sunday, September 9th!**



\*All who are able may stand.

All are invited to join us after worship for refreshments!

Minister: *Rev. Josh Fitterling*

Organist/Choir Director: *Ms. Linda Adams*

Church School Teacher & Coordinator: *Ms. Colleen Crowley*

Office Administrator: *Ms. Janet Leonard*

Sexton: *Ms. Mary McKinney*

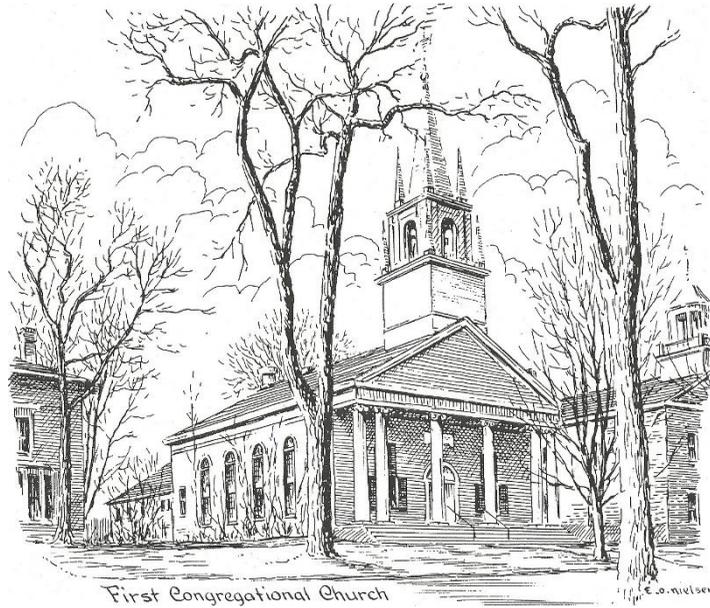
# First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.



Those Serving You Today

Bell Ringer: Brad Adler

Ushers: Tom Cramer & Becky Lenz

Flowers: Susan Kubler

Coffee Hour Servers: Organ Society

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**Announcements**

If you have a **prayer request**, please enter it in the book at the rear of the sanctuary. The book will be brought forward during the first hymn. If you have **Bulletin Announcements**, please send them to the office by Wednesday of each week to be included the following Sunday.

- Today:       Worship & Church School 10am  
                  Choir Sunday  
                  Strengthen the Church Offering  
                  Vitality Team AW  
                  Summerfest AW  
                  Bible Study 7pm
- June 10:       Game Night 6pm
- June 11:       Healthy Kids Playgroup 10am-12pm
- June 12:       Marketfest Mtg 9:30am
- June 16:       Worship 10am  
                  Diaconate AW  
                  No Bible Study

## **2019 Spring Directory Available!**

Please email the office ([fccw@myfairpoint.net](mailto:fccw@myfairpoint.net)) or call (207-882-7544) if you see corrections or additions that need to be made. It's inevitable (unfortunately) that there will be mistakes! (Sigh.) We will send you updates to add to your directory copy.

## **Strengthen the Church Offering Today**

This special offering of the UCC supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Please join in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift at worship today.

## **Tissue Collection for Set for Success event for local children**

Feed Our Scholars is sponsoring a new local event called Set For Success on Sunday, August 11th. This is a free back-to-school event for ALL Wiscasset Elementary School students. Every student will be gifted a new backpack and their teacher's required school supplies. Our church has agreed to provide 217 boxes of facial tissues. To date, we have collected approximately 62. There is a collection box in Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

## **Steps Loan Project**

In our special drive to pay off the Steps Loan covering the granite steps in front of the church, we have raised over \$4,500 to date, with less than \$10,000 to go! If you can help, see the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for envelopes for a variety of giving levels. Checks for this special purpose should say Steps Loan on the memo line and be enclosed in an envelope from the bulletin board. They can be added to the Sunday offering or mailed to the church office. Thank you for your generosity!