

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Green



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

Prelude

Passacaglia – by John Carter
Come Down, O Love Divine – by Ralph
Vaughn Williams, arr. by Anna Laura Page

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Ms. Sarah Whitfield

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship (*using 1 John 4:7-8*)

L: “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

P: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

L: Whoever does not love does not know God,

P: for God is love.”

L: Gathered together, we are united by the love of God for each and for all.

P: Rejoicing in the gift of God’s love, we come to offer our prayers and our praises!

L: Together, we live out a ministry of sharing love in our world because, after all,

P: “God is love”. Come, let us worship!

*Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 404

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord’s Prayer

Holy God, we rejoice in your great love for us. As we seek to live a life in response to your love, we acknowledge that, at times, we fall short. When our thoughts breed hatred, when our words cause harm, when our deeds do not share love with the world, forgive us. Lead us into a

life of rejoicing in your love as we love you and our neighbors. 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 *The Gift of Love* – American Folk Tune,
arr. by Hal H. Hopson

Scripture Matthew 5:43-48; Matthew 22:34-40 Deb Olson, reader

Time for Children

(The children are dismissed to Church School until 11:00am.)

*Hymn *Let There Be Peace on Earth* No. 512

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Choral Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *O Perfect Love* – by Joseph Barnby,
arr. by John Carter

***Doxology**

***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 present before you. Transform them into acts of love and ministries of care. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sermon *“All You Need is Love”* Mr. Ron Sanchez

*Closing Hymn *O Christian, Love* No. 510

Benediction

Congregational Benediction *Go Now In Peace (in the back of the hymnal)*

Postlude *Declaration – by Fenton Groden*
(You are welcome to leave or stay for the Postlude.
Either way, we're glad you came! Thank you.)



***Thank you to Ron Sanchez and Sarah Whitfield
for leading worship today!***

**All who are able may stand.*

All are invited to join us after worship for coffee in Fellowship Hall.

Minister: *Rev. Josh Fitterling*

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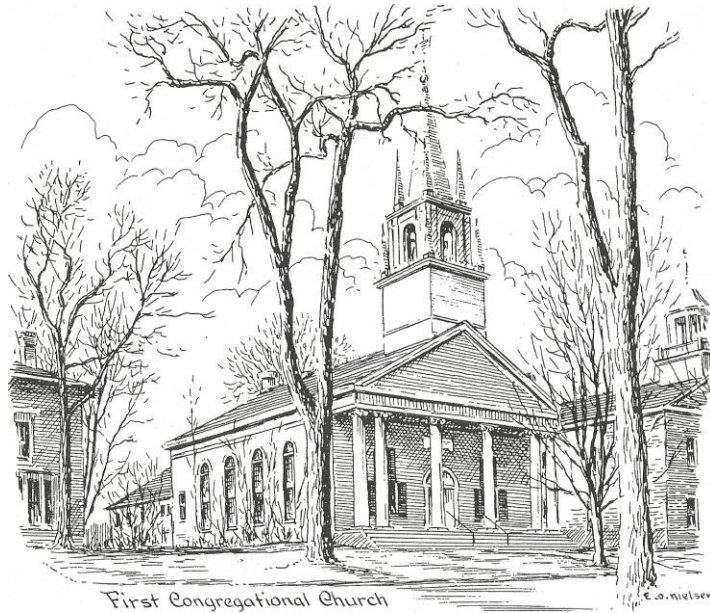
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



Those Serving You Today
Bell Ringer: Tom Kovarik
Ushers: Susan & Deane Attwood
Flowers: Ron Sanchez
Coffee Hour Servers: Pastoral Relations

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
 No Bible Study
- Feb. 17: Game Night 6pm
- Feb. 18: PEO 9am-12pm
 Sheepscot Valley Chorus 7pm
- Feb. 19: Organ Society 9:30am
 Council 7pm
- Feb. 20: Choir Rehearsal 4pm
- Feb. 21: Alpha Iota Blood Drive 12pm-6pm
- Feb. 23: Worship & Church School 10am
 Diaconate AW
 Noisy Offering
 Bible Study 6pm

Rev. Josh on Vacation Feb. 14-20

Rev. Josh will be on vacation from **Friday, February 14th through Thursday, February 20th**. For urgent pastoral care needs, please contact Rev. Char Corbett at 860-202-4785 or pastorchar44@gmail.com.

Suggestion/Comment Box Feedback for February

In the month of February, we welcome your suggestions and comments regarding our children's ministry. The suggestion/comment box is located in Fellowship Hall and is always available for your suggestions, comments, and concerns regarding our whole life as a congregation. Feedback cards are by the box and ready for your anonymous responses. Thanks for your ideas!

Alpha Iota Sorority Blood Drive—Friday, Feb. 21, 1pm-6pm

The Alpha Iota Sorority is again sponsoring a blood drive in our Fellowship Hall on Friday, Feb. 21, 1pm-6pm. To set up an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Visit [RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions.

Maine School of Ministry Sunday – Sunday, February 23rd at 10am

The Maine School of Ministry (MESOM) is an initiative of the Maine Conference UCC to help provide for the educational needs of clergy, laity, and more in Maine, as we respond to the changing needs of congregations and pastors. Debby Bujnocki, a student of MESOM, will be joining us in worship to share a bit more about the school and its ministry in Maine. *A special offering will be taken to support the work of MESOM, with the first \$500 raised being matched by our church's Seminary Student Fund.*

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—Feb. 25, 5:30pm at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 12 Hodge St.

St. Philip's will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25 starting at 5:30pm. Members of First Congregational are invited to join! If you can help with setup, cooking or cleanup, please contact Kristen Cowing at kristen4mk@yahoo.com. It would also be helpful if you could let her know if you plan to attend so they have an idea of how much food to prepare.

Ash Wednesday Service—Feb. 26, 6pm, St. Philip's Church, 12 Hodge St.

Join us for this joint worship service of prayer and penitence, as we too participate in the ancient ceremony of the imposition of ashes.