

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 21, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Green



Prelude *Sonata No. 1 (Op. 65, 2nd Movement)* – by
Felix Mendelssohn, arr. by Robert Lau
Flute Tune – by Gregg Sewell

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Introit

*Call to Worship (*using select verses from Psalm 147:1-6*)

L: “Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God.

P: For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

L: He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

P: The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

L: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

P: Praise the LORD!” Come, let us worship!

*Opening Hymn *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* No. 401

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord’s Prayer

Most Merciful God, we long to share your love and grace with those around us. Still, we fall short. When our words cause more harm than healing and our actions destroy rather than build up, forgive us, and lead us into actions of hope and wholeness. When our lives don’t radiate the love of God into this hurting world, pardon us, and guide us into your light. 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 *May God Give You Strength* – by Mark Patterson

Scripture Luke 5:12-15 Oscar Wallace, reader
James 5:13-15

Time for Children

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

*Hymn *We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness* No. 395

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Meditation on “Strength and Stay”* – by John Dykes, arr. Lani Smith

***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 the ministries they sustain forever reach out to your people in love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Testimony “Earthly Trials and Heavenly Strength” John Ross
Reflection “Seek Healing” Rev. Josh Fitterling
*Closing Hymn *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* No. 427
*Benediction
*Congregational Benediction *Go Now In Peace (in the back of the hymnal)*
Postlude *Fantasy on “Kingsfold”* – arr. by John Carter



Those Serving You Today
Bell Ringer: Brad Adler
Ushers: John Ross & Steve Whitfield
Flowers: Ron Sanchez & Tom Cramer
Coffee Hour Servers: Men of the Church

*All who are able may stand.
All are invited to join us after worship for coffee
and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Minister: *Rev. Josh Fitterling*
Organist/Choir Director: *Ms. Linda Adams*
Church School Teacher & Coordinator: *Ms. Colleen Crowley*
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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.



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

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Diaconate AW

Romans Bible Study 7pm

Window Dressers move in to FH mid-afternoon

Oct. 22: Window Dressers in FH

Game Night 6pm

Oct. 23: Window Dressers in FH

Holiday Marketfest 9:30am (parlor)

Healthy Kids Play Group 10am-12pm

Pastoral Relations 4pm

Sheepscot Valley Chorus 7pm (sanctuary)

Oct. 24: Window Dressers in FH

Organ Society 9:30am

Romans Bible Study 11:30am

Oct. 25: Window Dressers in FH

Choir Rehearsal 4pm

Oct. 26: Window Dressers in FH

Rev. Josh at pre- Maine Conference Annual Meeting retreat

Oct. 27: Window Dressers in FH and move out

Maine UCC Conference Annual Meeting (Saco)

Oct. 28: Worship and Church School 10am

Mission Sunday

Bread for the World Offering of Letters Today!

After worship today, Church in Society will provide letters for those who wish to send them to our national Senators and Representatives regarding hunger and poverty issues. This is completely voluntary and is being done in conjunction with Bread for the World, a non-profit organization offering a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

Romans Bible Study—Final Week Oct. 21-24

Our Romans Bible Study is concluding this week, after sessions today at 7pm and Wednesday at 11:30am. The subject will be Romans 15 & 16, the conclusion of the book of Romans. All are welcome! Contact Rev. Josh at 207-882-7544 or joshfitterling@myfairpoint.net with any questions.

T-Shirt Orders Due Today!

Last chance to get in on our second order of First Congregational Church T-Shirts! Please fill in the enclosed order form and put it in the offering plate, or return it to the office.

Are you interested in becoming a member of FCCW?

Do you feel that you have found a faith home among us at FCCW? Do you wish to affirm the covenant that we share as Christ's gathered people here in this place? Are you curious about what it means to become a member or associate member of our congregation? Contact Rev. Josh at 207-882-7544 or joshfitterling@myfairpoint.net to express your interest and to learn more today! New members will be welcomed into covenant on Sunday, November 18th during our 10am worship service.

Mission Sunday—October 28th

Come next Sunday ready to celebrate all the hard work of Summerfest as we hand out donations to the organizations we are supporting through that effort.