

Homecoming Sunday

September 8, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Green



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

Prelude *To God Be the Glory* – by William Doane, arr. Victor Johnson
One Lord, One Faith, One Birth – by Samuel Sebastian
Wesley, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Choral Introit

* Call to Worship *(based on our Church's Covenant)*

L: We gather in covenant with one another, to seek and respond to the word and the will of God.

P: We purpose our lives to walk together in the ways of God. We hold it our mission to witness to the message of Jesus Christ, worship God, and to strive for truth, justice, and peace.

L: We come to this place, as did generations before us, depending upon the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us, upheld by the eternal promises of our God.

P: As we pray, look, and work for the triumph of righteousness together, let us forever sing God's praise! Come, let us worship!

*Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 26

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Dear God, as we seek to live for and serve you, we look to your transformative grace once more. When our thoughts, words, and deeds do not express love, forgive us, and help our lives to reflect more of you. When we stumble in our world, raise us up, and redirect us in your ways of justice and peace. Help us to live our best lives for

Those Serving You Today
Bell Ringer: Brad Adler
Ushers: Dan & Zoë Bigley
Greeter: Susan Kubler
Flowers: Susan Kubler

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. **Bulletin Announcements**, should be sent to the office by Wednesday of each week to be included the following Sunday.

- Today: Worship & Church School 10am
 Homecoming Sunday & Cook-in
 Stewardship 6pm
 Bible Study 7pm
- Sept. 9: Game Night 6pm
- Sept. 10: Sheepscot Valley Chorus – 6pm
 Trustees 6pm
- Sept. 11: Organ Society 9:30am
 The First Photos Ever: Daguerreotypes in America – Jib Fowles,
 11 am
- Sept. 12: Choir Practice 4pm
 Rev. Josh leaves for vacation
- Sept. 15: Worship & Church School 10am
 Rev. Oscar Wallace, preaching
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Need a Name Tag?

God calls you by name and so do we! If you would like a name tag (whether you are new to our community or have misplaced your old one), please fill out a Connection Card from the pew back in front of you, and make a note that a new name tag is needed. They will be waiting for you in the narthex next Sunday!

Pastor Josh on Vacation—Thursday, September 12th through Wednesday, September 18th

Pastor Josh will be on vacation for this week preparing for and celebrating his wedding on Sunday, September 15th. While Josh is away, church related inquiries can be made to Janet Leonard, our Office Administrator, at 207-882-7544 or fccw@myfairpoint.net. For urgent pastoral care needs, please contact Rev. Char Corbett at 860-202-4785 or pastorchar44@gmail.com.

The First Photos Ever: Daguerreotypes in America— Jib Fowles, Wed., Sept. 11th, 11am, Fellowship Hall

Jib Fowles, Ph.D., a retired college professor, has taught courses on photographic history for many years. In this special presentation, you will learn about the similarities and differences between the first photos and ours. You will even be able to hold and examine typical daguerreotypes--beautiful, ultra-precise cased images! You can delve deeper into the topic by signing up for Jib's course "Captured Images: The Amazing Story of Photography in the Nineteenth Century" which is being offered by Coastal Senior College for 6 weeks starting on September 25. (www.coastalseniorcollege.org) which will be meeting conveniently at the Skidompha Library in Damariscotta.

Reception & Buffet Luncheon – Sunday, September. 22nd , following worship, 11am to 2pm

You are cordially invited to this special event as the church celebrates the marriage of Pastor Josh and his partner, Mason. Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship on September 22nd for lunch, a champagne toast, and wedding cake!

This reception is generously hosted by the Pastoral Relations Committee and the Organ Society.

Pastoral Relations—Feedback Cards in your Bulletin!

Please fill out the card included in your bulletin today at your convenience and drop it in the box in Fellowship Hall. *In September, the Pastoral Relations Committee is particularly interested in hearing your feedback on our Pastor, including areas of strength and areas of improvement.* Your thoughts are so important to our Pastor and the leadership of our church. Thank you for helping us to be the church together!

Blessing of the Animals Service—Sunday, September 29th at 10am

Let us bless the animals in our lives and celebrate the blessings that our animals are to us! Bring the pets in your lives and join us for this special Sunday morning worship service on the front steps of the church! If your pets are unable to join us for any reason, bring a photo instead! Stuffed animals are also welcome to attend and be blessed. In the event of rain, the service will be held in the sanctuary. Bring a chair and bring a friend! Donations of pet food and supplies will be collected to benefit Midcoast Humane.

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