

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 15, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Green



Prelude *Glory and Grace* – by Helen H. Lemmel, arr. Ruth Elaine
 Schram, March in G – by John S. Dixon

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

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Introit

*Call to Worship

L: As we gather in this place, we come to worship God.

P: We bring praises before the Holy One, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

L: We hear words spoken of the Giver of Life and Conqueror of Death.

P: We pray to the Merciful One, seeking help, hope, and healing.

L: We sing praises to the Great One and seek to bring thanksgivings to the Divine through the offering of our whole lives.

P: We gather in the presence of the Almighty, who was, is, and forever will be our God! Come, let us worship!

*Opening Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* No. 10

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Dear God, we seek to say “yes” to your ways of love and light. Still, we fall short. When our praises are hollow, forgive us, and help us to praise you in every thought, word, and deed. When our hearts say “no” to your life-giving call, pardon us, and lead us into a “yes”. In everything, renew and refresh us as we strive to follow 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

Scripture

Exodus 20:7
Matthew 5:33-37

John Ross, reader

Time for Children

*(The children remain in worship with their families.
Church School will resume in September.)*

*Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

No. 39

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Ave Maria – by Jacob Arcadelt

*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 gifts that we place before you. Transform them into life-giving ministries which bring glory to your name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

TEN COMMANDMENTS SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

Sermon “Check one: __ Yes or __ No” Rev. Josh Fitterling
*Closing Hymn *Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed* No. 463
*Benediction
*Congregational Benediction *Go Now In Peace (in the back of the hymnal)*
Postlude *Gavotte* – by Giovanni B. Martini



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

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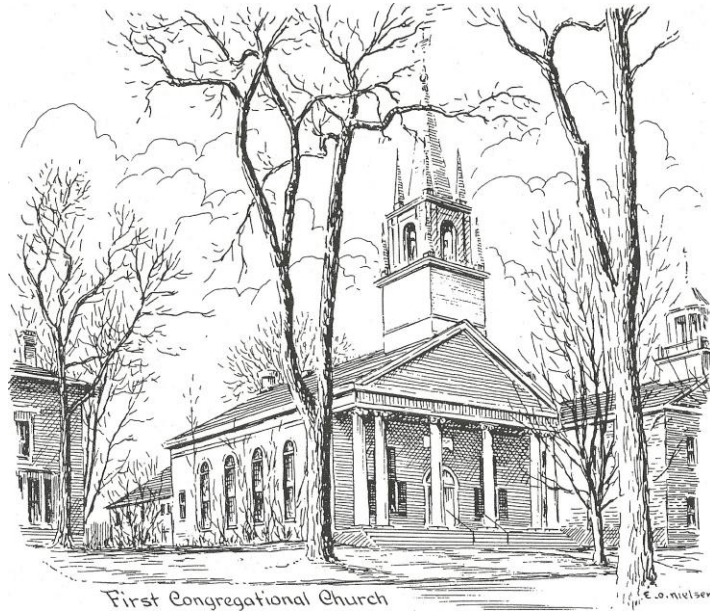
First Congregational Church

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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: Ted & Ellie Tracy
Flowers: Jenn Spaur
Coffee Hour Servers: Choir

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: Family Worship 10am
Bible Study 7-8pm

July 16: Game Night 6pm

July 17: Healthy Kids Play Group 10am-12pm

July 18: Bible Study 11:30am-12:30pm

July 19: Chase Point Service 10:30am

July 21: Rev. Josh Opening Prayer at Wiscasset Speedway

July 22: Family Worship 10am
Bible Study 7-8pm

Bible Study Update

Bible Study resumes for the next two weeks:

Sunday, July 15th and 22nd – 7:00-8:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 18th and 25th – 11:30am-12:30am (Parlor)

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Josh at 207-882-7544 or joshfitterling@myfairpoint.net.

Countdown to Summerfest!—July 28, 10am-2pm

Thanks to all those who are working so hard for a successful Summerfest this year. Lots of goodies are in the basement ready to sell, and silent auction offerings are coming together with our dedicated group. We appreciate all your help on that day with setting up in the morning and taking down in the afternoon. And, of course, thanks to the musicians who will be providing entertainment.

If you have questions, please contact Nancy Roby or Ed Peele.

Chair Yoga Resumes—Tuesday, July 24, 4:00pm

This gentle yoga practice employs exercises sitting on a chair or using one for balance and is appropriate for all levels of physical fitness. Instructor Pam Dunning is offering these classes by donation, with all monies going to First Congregational Church. If you have questions, please contact Pam Dunning at 207-350-0099 or pjld@roadrunner.com.

Office Staffing—July 22nd through August 4th

Office Administrator Janet Leonard will be away the week of July 22nd-29th. The office will be covered by Rev. Josh will a little help from church volunteers.

Rev. Josh will be away July 29th through August 4th at Pilgrim Lodge working at the Camp Pride retreat week.