Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2018

10:00 A.M.  
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Prelude  
*Adagio – Samuel Barber*  
*(You are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship during the Prelude.)*

Ringing of the Bell
Welcome and Informal Moments
Choral Introit

*Call to Worship*
*L: The love of God is not a secret to be held by a few.*
**P: It is a truth to be shared with the world!**
*L: The grace of Jesus is not to be contained.*
**P: It is freely given to all!**
*L: The light of the world is not meant to be kept hidden.*
**P: The light must shine to the ends of the earth!**
*L: With hearts attuned to God, we come to praise the one whose glories are greatest among all creation!**
**P: With voices raised in uncontainable joy, we come to worship our Great God!**

*Opening Hymn*  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies* (vs. 1-4)  
No. 111

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord’s Prayer
*Holy God, in the gift of Jesus Christ, we have witnessed the power of your grace. Touch us with that grace once more, as we long to serve you. Heal the wounds that we have created and mend the hearts that have been torn. Reconcile our lives to your glory, forgiving and redeeming us through your never-ending love. 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  
*God Be in My Head* – John Rutter

Scripture  
*Mark 1:21-28, 40-45* Sarah Whitfield, reader

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

*Hymn  
*Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring* No. 106

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer
Choral Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering
Offertory  
*Trio* – Josef Rheinberger

*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 these offerings which we give to you. In the ministries they sustain and nurture, may they proclaim your glory out into the world! In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
Sermon  “The Impossible Secret”  Rev. Josh Fitterling

*Closing Hymn  I Love to Tell the Story  No. 360

*Benediction

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

Postlude

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

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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: Jim Munson
Ushers: Becky & David Lenz
Flowers: Carol Bradford
Coffee Hour Servers: Church in Society

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 and Church School 10 am
       Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Luncheon following worship
       Bible Study 6 pm

January 29: Wiscasset Green Coffee 9 am
           Game Night 6 pm

January 30: Pastoral Relations 4 pm
           Sheepscot Chorus 7 pm

January 31: Organ Society 10 am
           Bible Study 11:30 am

February 1: Choir Rehearsal 4 pm

February 4: Communion and Family Worship 10 am
           No Bible Study
           Feedback Reflection Group 6:30 pm
Annual Meeting Reports

If you still need a copy of the annual report, some copies of the full report (with financials) will be available after worship as well as print copies of just the financial information.

Our Old Pew Cushions

We are pleased to share with you that the Head Tide Church will be taking all of the red cushions we replaced last year! They are thrilled, and we are delighted to be able to support their ministry in this way.

Sign Up for first Feedback Reflection Groups sponsored by Pastoral Relations/Transition Team

The Pastoral Relations/Transition Team is asking for your help in filling the eight spaces of the sign-up sheets for our first Feedback Reflection Groups. The topic is *The Experience of Worship*, and you will be asked to share an experience that has been meaningful to you. Your feedback is important to Pastor Josh and our church leaders. Meeting dates are Sunday, February 4th at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, February 7th at 11:00 a.m. Please speak with Ginny Withee or a member of the committee if you have questions. Thank you.

Tea, Anyone?

If you happen to have some tea bags languishing in your kitchen cabinets because they turned out not to be your “cup of tea,” the Kitchen Committee would love to take them off your hands to add to our collection of teas in the kitchen. Just leave them on the kitchen counter and we will find someone to drink them. Many thanks!