

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021

10:00 A.M.

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

Prelude *Toccata and Fugue in d minor – by J. S. Bach*

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Musical Introit *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – arr.*
by Charles Callahan

*Call to Worship

L: Come, let us worship!

P: Let us praise our God with our whole lives!

L: In musical offerings and hymns raised, we praise the God of Love.

P: In prayers shared and silence held, we praise the God who hears us and the God who cares.

L: With our spirits open to the Holy Spirit's leading, we come to praise the God of Grace.

P: With our hearts open to the Living Word of Jesus Christ, we come to praise the God of Glory.

L: In all that we sing, all that we say, and all that we do, may we praise our God!

P: Come, let us worship!

*Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (vs. 1-3) No. 26
(Please put a mask on)

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Most Merciful God, while we long to praise you with our whole lives, we acknowledge that, at times, we fall short. When our words do not sound like your Good News and when our deeds do not mirror your

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Good and Gracious God, bless the gifts that we place before you. May the ministries they sustain forever seek your divine purposes in our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sermon *100 Mile Wilderness* Rev. Josh Fitterling

*Closing Hymn *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* No. 474
(Please put a mask on)

*Benediction

*Sung Benediction *Go Now in Peace*
Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude *Rise Up, O Saints of God* – arr. by Michael Burkhardt



*All who are able may stand.

Minister: Rev. Josh Fitterling
Interim Organist: Mr. Ray Cornils
Office Administrator: Ms. Janet Leonard
Sexton: Ms. Mary McKinney

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Those Serving You Today

Bell Ringer: Brad Adler
Ushers: Linda Wallace, Beth Whitney, Roger Whitney
Flowers: Misty Parker
Live Streaming: Dewey Harris

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, Sept. 12: Bible Study, 7pm
Monday, Sept. 13: CIS, 4:00pm
Trustees, 6:30pm
Tuesday, Sept. 14: Sheepscoot Valley Chorus, 7pm
Wednesday, Sept. 15: Organ Society, 9:30am
Council 7:30pm
Thursday, Sept. 16: Chase Point Worship, 10:30am

Announcements

Sunday Worship—In-Person and Online

Our 10am Sunday worship is open to all who wish to attend in person! Please see our website for details and protocols. If Lincoln County is classified as “substantial” or “high” on a given Sunday, please mask when indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Services are also livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook, with a recording of the service available on YouTube afterwards. Outdoor seating is also available in good weather! Join us!

Sunday Night Bible Study of Exodus Returns Tonight, 7pm

Meetings will be in-person or on Zoom. If you would like to participate by Zoom, please contact Rev. Josh at joshfitterling@myfairpoint.net or cell 610-750-2688. The September schedule is September 12 and 26.

Sign-Up Online to Support our Worship Experience—Provide Flowers, Read Scripture, or Usher!

Would you like to usher, read scripture, or provide flowers? You can sign-up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48aea82aa3f8ce9-church> or by calling the church office at 207-882-7544.

Get Ready for Upcoming Book Group!—First Session Sunday, September 19, 7-8pm

Church in Society invites our church family to join us in a book discussion of The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by the 14th Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu and Carlton Abrams. CIS will break the book into three sections and have three sessions on the following dates: **Sundays Sept.19, Oct. 17, and Nov. 21 from 7:00-8:00pm**. We will use the hybrid model for our book discussion, in-person and Zoom to allow participants to choose how they would like to attend.

This book can be found at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other sources online. It also can be ordered from our local Sherman's Maine Coast Book Shop. If you need help obtaining a copy of the book, please talk with Rev. Josh. We look forward to sharing time together discussing this inspirational book.

Supporting the Ministry of our Church

Thank you for your continued support in sustaining our ministries! Offerings can be mailed to the church at:

First Congregational Church
P.O. Box 350
Wiscasset, ME 04578

Thank you!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the God of cre - a - tion!
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee;
 4. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the God of cre - a - tion!

Sing, my soul, prais-ing the source of thy health and sal - va - tion!
 shel-ters thee un - der-neath wings, yea, so gen - tly sus-tain - eth!
 sure-ly great good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at-tend thee.
 All that hath life and breath, sing out thy heart's ju - bi - la - tion!

All ye who hear, now to God's tem - ple draw near;
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might-y can do,
 Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain:

join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 grant - ed in what God or - dain - eth?
 who with great love doth be - friend thee.
 join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

MUSIC: *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

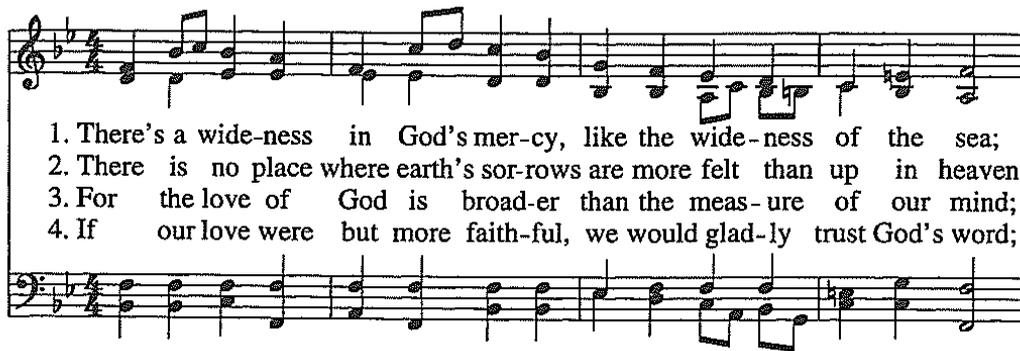
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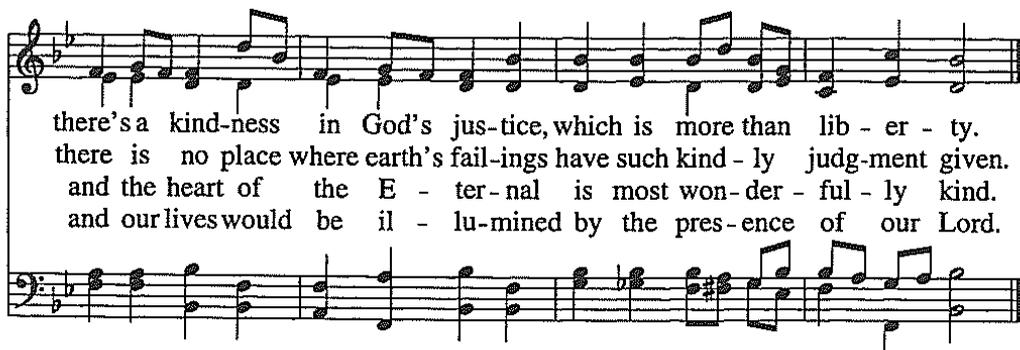
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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3. For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;
4. If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
and our lives would be il - lu - mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1854, alt.
MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjée, 1877

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Lizzie Tourjée wrote this tune to accompany words her classmate had written for their high school graduation in Newton MA. Her father included it in a hymnal, where he set it to Faber's text.

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Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1. Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with less-er things;
 2. Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom tar - ries long.
 3. Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait,
 4. Lift high the cross of Christ; tread where Christ's feet have trod;

give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
 Bring in the day of righ-teous-ness, and end the night of wrong.
 with strength un - e - qual to the task; rise up and make it great.
 come sis - ters, broth-ers in the faith, rise up, O saints of God.

WORDS: William P. Merrill, 1911, alt.
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

FESTAL SONG
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While the language of this hymn has been broadened to challenge all Christian worshipers, it was first published in a Presbyterian Brotherhood Movement publication.

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