

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
September 5, 2021*

10:00 A.M.

White



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

Prelude *Concerto in B Minor* – Johann G. Walther

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Musical Introit *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* – arr.
Robert J. Powell

*Call to Worship (*Isaiah 40:31*)

Leader: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength,
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
 they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.

Congregation: We need this kind of hope.

Leader: Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are.
Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

Congregation: We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.

*Opening Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 72
(Please put a mask on)

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

God of Presence, as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples, meet us in the midst of the storms in our lives. God of Renewal, as you lifted Peter from the water, lift us from despair to hope, from distraction to focus, from death to life. God of the Journey, direct us in your way, work out your purpose in and through our lives. We pray in the name of Christ who taught us to pray, “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

Mark 7:24–37

Linda Wallace, reader

Musical Offering

Aria – by Flor Peeters

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Musical Prayer Response *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Invitation to Offering

(The offerings placed in the plate at the back of the church will be brought forward as we bless all good gifts of time, talent, and treasure, which make our ministry possible!)

***Doxology** *(Please put a mask on)*

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

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, we believe that you have saved us, you are saving us and you will save us. We offer to you our whole lives as a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Use us; multiply us and these gifts we have placed at your altar, to extend the invitation of life, community and purpose in this place and around the world. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Oscar Wallace

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation & Consecration
Sharing the Bread & Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Dear God, we give you thanks for this simple and sacred meal.
As we have accepted our place at your table, grant that we may
accept the calling on our lives to serve you in our community
and beyond. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, we
pray. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn *Bless Now, O God, the Journey* No. 485
Sung to the tune Aurelia (#238)
(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 *Toccata on Aurelia – by Robert Hobby*



*All who are able may stand.

Special thanks to Rev. Oscar Wallace for leading our worship today.

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Bell Ringer: Tom Kovarik
Flowers: Carol & George Peck
Live Streaming: Tom Clement

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!

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.

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


Thank you!

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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Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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1. Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2. Bless all of us, your pil - grims, who share this wind - ing way,
3. Di - vine E - ter - nal Lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
whose hope burns through the ter - rors, whose love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.

The trail is found in des - ert, and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound.
But wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
To - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1989, alt.

MUSIC: Swedish folk tune; harm. Lahrae Knatterud, 1983, adapt.

BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

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The community on a pilgrimage is the theme of this Sylvia Dunstan text. She wrote many hymns for her denomination, The United Church of Canada.

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