



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME

PRELUDE

We Shall Overcome

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us give thanks to God, for God is good.

Many: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Let those who have hungered for justice say,
God's steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
**This strong foundation is God's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Let us give thanks to God, who has built in us a home for the Spirit.
**Once we were no people,
but now we belong to each other and to God.
God's steadfast love endures forever!**

*HYMN

O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face

Red Hymnal, #506

*O God, we bear the imprint of your face:
The colors of our skin are your design,
And what we have of beauty in our race
As man or woman, you alone define,
Who stretched a living fabric on our frame
And gave to each a language and a name.*

*O God, we share the image of the One
Whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin;
In Christ's humanity we find our own,
And in his family our proper kin:
Christ is the brother we still crucify;
His love the language we must learn, or die.*

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God, who in Christ has come to meet us
in the wonder, variety, beauty, and fragility of human life,
**lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
from despair to hope, from fear to trust.**
Lead us from hate to love, and from war to peace;
Lead us to see your shining in the face and light of another. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE *1 Peter 2:1-10*

SERMON *Being the Church: Rejecting Racism* The Rev. Geoff Parker

ANTHEM *We Are a Gentle, Angry People* Holly Near

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

Online, gifts may be shared here: <https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/>. In this time, you might reflect on where you have received gifts in the past week, and how you might share with gratitude with others.

*** HYMN**

Restless Weaver

Red Hymnal, #520

Vs 1, 3, 4

*Restless Weaver, ever spinning
threads of justice and shalom;
Dreaming patterns of creation
Where all creatures find a home;
Gathering up life's varied fibers—
Every texture, every hue:
Grant us your creative vision.
With us weave your world anew.*

*When our violent lust for power
Ends in lives abused and torn,
From compassion's sturdy fabric
Fashion hope and trust reborn.
Where injustice rules as tyrant,
Give us courage, God, to dare
Live our dreams of transformation.
Make our lives incarnate prayer.*

*Restless Weaver, still conceiving
New life—now and yet to be—
Binding all your vast creation
In one living tapestry:
You have called us to be weavers.
Let your love guide all we do.
With your reign of peace our pattern,
We will weave your world anew.*

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Zoom links for events can be found in Weekly Update Email

- Sunday, January 16:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Online)
- Monday, January 17:** *The office will be closed in observation of the MLK federal holiday.*
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting (Zoom)
- Tuesday, January 18:** 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Group-please read Chapter 4 (Zoom)
1:00 p.m. Knitting Group (Zoom)
6:45 p.m. AA Weekly Meeting
- Wednesday, January 19:** *New office hours. Please see "General Office Hours"*
9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast (Zoom)
4:00 p.m. FCC Book Group (Zoom)

Deadline for February Steeplenotes material submittal into office.

- Friday, January 21:** *New office hours. Please see "General Office Hours"*
- Saturday, January 22:** 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Zoom)
- Sunday, January 23:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Online)
10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting Info Meeting (Zoom)

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter clothing for adolescents is needed by the school psychologist at MSAD #51- Cumberland High School. If you have any gently used winter socks, hats, gloves, jackets, and water-resistant pants in a variety of sizes for girls and boys they will be used to outfit the teens who are struggling with extreme anxiety. This will allow the group to go cross-country skiing with their counselor. Please leave the items at the church office or email Dorothy: dorothyb@maine.rr.com if you need items picked up. Thank you.

FYI - Updated directories are released at the end of May when the new and returning members of FCC's ministries and committees are approved and in place. In preparation of this distribution, please forward the office any changes/updates in the contact information for your household to cslklarz@foresidechurch.org. As always, please call 781-5880 with any questions that may arise.

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