



# FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God      Nurturing Community      Discovering our Callings

July 31, 2022

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

John Hughes

## GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*One:* When we journey through the wilderness, O God and Guide,

*Many:* **sustain us on the way with living waters.**

In the joy of arriving home, O Shelter and Refuge,

**Call us to welcome others in peace.**

On the paths of solitude, O Christ our Companion,

**open our hearts to know you and ourselves more fully.**

In beloved community traveling together, O Gatherer,

**Remind us that our lives are woven into one in You.**

In all the ways of life, O Source, and Savior, and Spirit,

**Guide us into newness of life, love, and hope. Amen.**

### \*HYMN

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

Black Hymnal, #391

In the midst of new dimensions,  
In the face of changing ways,  
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples  
Wandering in their separate ways? (*refrain*)

Through the flood of starving people,  
Warring factions and despair,  
Who will life the olive branches?  
Who will light the flame of care? (*refrain*)

As we stand a world divided  
By our own self-seeking schemes,  
Grant that we, your global village,  
Might envision wider dreams. (*refrain*)

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar,  
Leading where the eagles soar,  
We your people, ours the journey  
Now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

## SHARING OF JOYS AND AFFIRMATIONS

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**SCRIPTURE** *Psalm 107:1-9, 43*

**SERMON** *A Stranger Came (Back) to Town* The Rev. Geoff Parker

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray...

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

*Electronic gifts may be shared here:  
<https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/> or by pointing your  
phone's camera at the image to the right and clicking on the link displayed.*



**Offertory Anthem** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Thomas Dorsey

**\* Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God for all that love has done  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

**\* Blessing the Gifts**

**\* HYMN**

*Let All Things Now Living*

Red Hymnal, #529

Let all things now living  
A song of thanksgiving  
To God our creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us,  
Protected and stayed us  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
Pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished,  
All fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces.  
The stars in their courses  
The sun in its orbit obediently shines;  
The hills and the mountains,  
The rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing  
Our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living  
Unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

## \* BLESSING AND SENDING

### POSTLUDE

*Over My Head*

African American Trad.

*In the Midst of New Dimensions* – Text and Music: Julian Rush ©1985

*Let All Things Now Living* – Text: Katherine K. Davis ©1939, 1966

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**Today's Ministers of Worship:**  
**Charlie Bernacchio and Sally Some**

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers**  
*Are lovingly offered up by the Ministry of Worship,  
welcoming Pastor Geoff back home to us.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Christian Education Ministry is planning a ***Summer Family Gathering*** on **Sunday, August 7 starting @ 4:00 p.m.** in the green space behind the church (walk through the cemetery.) We have planned some yard games such as cornhole toss, croquet, bocce, and an obstacle course. The church office is donating bubbles and jump ropes. If you have a favorite game, feel free to bring it along. CE will provide lemonade and popsicles. All are welcome and invited to join us. **RSVPs are encouraged at [wendyrtracy@gmail.com](mailto:wendyrtracy@gmail.com).** Can you imagine the pix we will get for the September newsletter !?! (**Rain date will be the following Sunday, August 14).**

**August 8 - starting at 6:30 p.m. until ?**  
**35 Old Powerhouse Road / Falmouth - (*The Ward's bay view, back deck*)**

If you are on, ever been on, or plan to be on the Stewardship Ministry, please come to the newly reincarnated post-Covid potluck celebration of working together, including those who attend clean up days, helping with maintenance inside and out, and those who organize and support the fair as stewards. There will be an open grill, and you should bring your own “grill able” item. In addition, please bring something to share - salad, appetizer, dessert. The beauty of the potluck is that no matter how many people show up, the amount of food for the group is always just right. And if you find yourself empty handed, come anyway! there is always plenty to go around. Carol will provide plates, glasses, flatware, and potables. **BYOB**  
Parking at the top of the Portland Yacht Club parking lot (right next door, lots of room) is available.

Don't forget to check out the lending library, and if you can, please consider donating as well. Books, puzzles, games, etc., interesting stuff. Located across from the elevator in the reception area. Let's get this growing!

**This week's new donations:**

- \* *We Make the Road by Walking, A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation* - Brian D. McLaren
- \* *Spiritual Gardening: Creating Sacred Space Outdoors* - Peg Streep

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

*Zoom links can be found in Weekly Update Email or by contacting the office.*

- Sunday, July 31:** **9:30 a.m.** Sunday Worship  
(Sanctuary and Online)
- Friday, August 5:** **Church office closed**
- Sunday, August 7:** **9:30 a.m.** Sunday Communion Worship  
(Sanctuary and Online)  
**11:00 a.m.** Memorial Service for  
Myrna Newkirk  
**4:00 p.m.** Summer Family Gathering  
(see "**Announcements**" for details)

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**General Office Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Wednesday and Friday

**9:00 a.m. to Noon**

or unless otherwise posted

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