



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

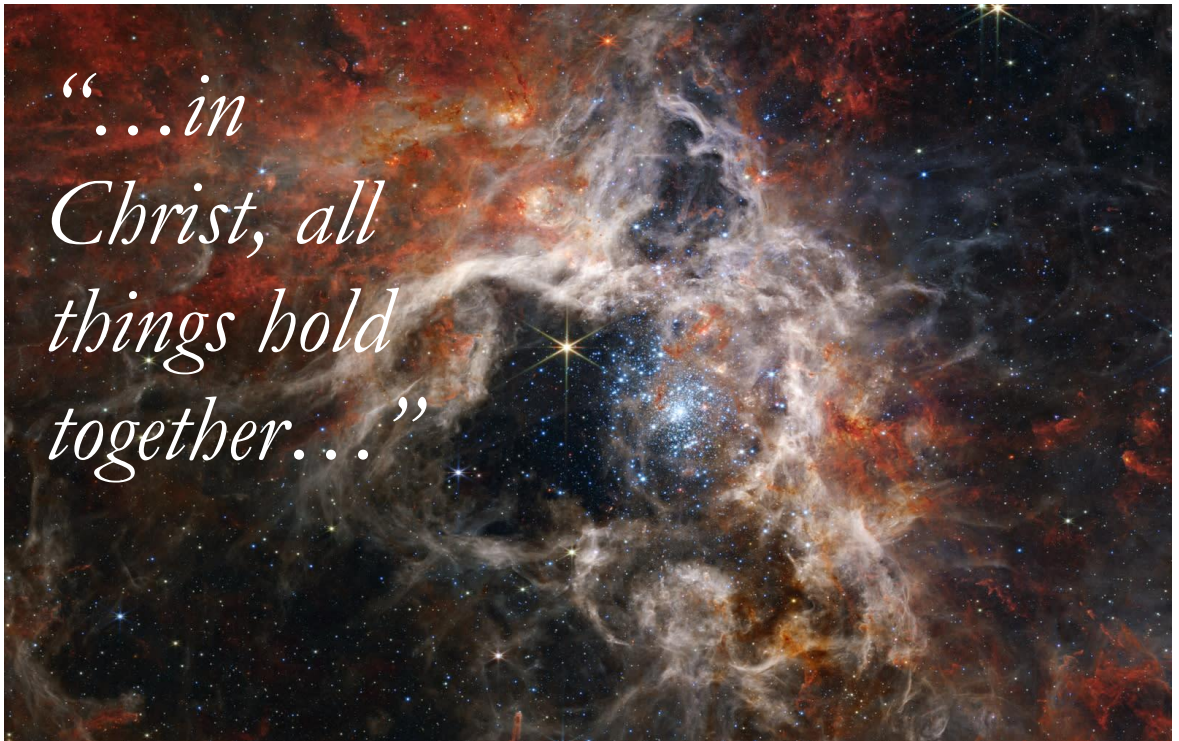
Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

September 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



I BELIEVE?

Faithful Questions

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Tree of Life My Soul Hath Seen

Cornish Carol

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

One: Welcome to you, children of God, holy and honored guests.

Many: **Welcome to you, child of God, holy and honored guest.**

Join in the song of mystery and wonder of all creation,
distant as the farthest star.

Sing of the tenderness of incarnation, close to us as breathing.

Join in the music of stars, moons, planets in their courses

Join in the harmony of community: living, serving, rejoicing as one.

Let us give thanks for God in Christ,
whose song is Love beyond all understanding.

Let us give thanks for the Resurrected One:

who offers life, healing, and compassion... Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

Of Eternal Love Begotten

Red Hymnal, #129

Of eternal love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, Christ is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, ever more and ever more!

O ye heights of heaven sing praises; angel hosts sweet anthems sing! And on earth let all the faithful now their joyous carols ring, every tongue Christ's name confessing, countless voices answering, ever more and ever more!

Christ, to thee with God creator, and O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be: honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, every more and ever more!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy and Unbounded One,
In life, death, in life beyond death,
You are with us, we are not alone.
In Christ, you have come to share in life with us,
And to weave our lives into the mystery of your love for us and all creation.

In all our questions, and in all our seeking...
Reveal to us your love, O God.
Reveal to us your grace, O Christ.
Reveal to us your power in and among us, O Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM

Be Still

Karen Marrolli

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:11-20

SERMON

*How Jesus and God?
Crucified and Cosmic Christ*

The Rev. Geoff Parker

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

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.

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

Sometimes a Light Surprises

arr. Larry Shackley

* 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

I Danced in the Morning

Red Hymnal, #206

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I
danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at
Bethlehem I had my birth. (Refrain)**

**I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, but they
would not dance and they wouldn't follow me; I
danced for the fishermen, for James and John, they
came with me and the Dance went on. (Refrain)**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the
holy people said it was a shame; they
whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, and
left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black, it's
hard to dance with the devil on your back; they
buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but**

I am the Dance and I still go on. (Refrain)

**They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll
live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)**

(Refrain)

**Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the
Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever
You may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.**

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth

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**Today's Ministers of Worship:
John Bischof and Carrie Penrose**

Today's Sanctuary Arrangement:
Is graciously offered up by Robin Singer
"In celebration of the beginning of the new fall season!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On **Sunday, October 9th at 2:00 p.m.**, there will be a limited gathering of family and friends of Betsy and Geoff Gattis for a service of remembrance and thanksgiving for their lives. **Members of the congregation are invited to participate remotely through our live streaming service which can be accessed on the church's website at www.foresidechurch.org.**

FCC's two new employees, Julia Tracy and Adey Wrona will be providing nursery care this year on Sunday mornings, starting today, during the service (9:15-10:45 a.m.). Parents are welcome to drop their children off. The nursery is up one flight of stairs to the left of the sanctuary. Both girls are Red Cross Certified as babysitters. Please reach out to one of our Minister of Worship ushers if you have questions.

Did you get your **October Steeplenotes** material into the office?
The deadline was last Friday!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 25:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
followed by Fellowship Coffee Hour on the patio
4:00 p.m. Foreside – Falmouth Confirmation Class
and Youth Group (Falmouth Congregational)

Tuesday, September 27:

9:00 a.m. Tuesday Study Group (Patio or Classroom)
1:00 p.m. Knitting Group (Classroom)
6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
7:15 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 29:

9:00 a.m. Casco Bay Bells in the sanctuary

Saturday, October 1:

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ FCC

Sunday, October 2:

NO MORNING WORSHIP
4:00 p.m. Family Church with *Blessing of the Animals* (Patio)

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

