



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost: *Speaking Together*



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit African American Spiritual

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

One: On the day of Pentecost, disciples gathered in one place,

Many: **Praying, “Come, Holy Spirit!”**

Suddenly a sound of wind came rushing,
Tongues of flame appeared for each of them.

All disciples spoke in new languages, speaking of God’s great deeds.
We, too, learn new words of praise to God!

God’s Spirit is for all: children still prophesy,
Young ones see visions, and old ones dream dreams.
Come Holy Spirit!

* HYMN

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Red Hymnal, #218

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pente-
costal power; give the church a stronger vision,
help us face each crucial hour. Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone, still the church is
called to mission that God’s love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our alleluias for the grace of
former years; for tomorrow’s unknown pathway,
hear, O God, our humble prayers. In the church’s pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way; still in presence
move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of
fire and flame. Help our struggling voices praise you,
glorify your holy name. Good Creator, Savior, Spirit,
Three in One; what mystery! We would sing our
Loud hosannas now and through eternity.**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Come and dwell with us, O God, and teach us new languages of your Spirit – present in each and all of our lives.

**Where we have spoken divisions between ourselves or others,
or failed to see the beauty and gifts of all people,
let the power of your Word renew us: igniting our imaginations.
Help us listen, watch for, and rejoice in the many ways your love speaks
in and through each life, and all creation. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Introduction of New Members

Tori Curtis and Eben Jose, Julie Rand

Questions of the New Members

Friends, do you desire to affirm your baptism in the faith and family of Jesus Christ, and do you freely choose to unite with Foreside Community Church, United Church of Christ? *I do.*

As members, do you promise, relying on God's grace, to participate fully in the life and ministries of this community and to support it with your time, your talent, and your treasure? *I do.*

Do you promise, relying on God's grace, to grow in Christian discipleship, to work in partnership with this congregation and with God, and to deepen your spiritual life that you may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God? *I do.*

Question of the Congregation

As you welcome these new members into the community, do you, the members and friends of Foreside Community Church, United Church of Christ, promise to support them in the promises they have made, to be open to the gifts of the Spirit they bring and to be willing to grow and be changed by them? **We do!**

Welcome and the Hand of Peace

As Christ welcomed us, we welcome you. Now you are no longer strangers or sojourners, but full members of this household of faith: children of God, disciples of Christ, and members of the Church. Receive the hand of welcome and may God's Spirit continue to fall upon and nurture this congregation.
Amen.

ANTHEM *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Thomas Keesecker

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Ebbe and Henry Jose
See Insert

HYMN *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* Red Hymnal, #306

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.**

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.**

**Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

SCRIPTURE *Acts 2:1-21*

SERMON *Speaking Together* The Rev. Geoff Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

This Memorial Day weekend, as the bell is rung at the end of the prayer, you are invited to name aloud those who have died in service to their country who we lift up to God's love and care.

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

*** 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 of the Gifts**

*** HYMN**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Black Hymnal, #293

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

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Today's Ministers of Worship:
Kathie McCatherin and Mary Ryder



This Morning's Sanctuary Arrangement:

*Is given in loving memory of FCC member and friend Jean Chapman
by her children Virginia Henning, Dan Baker, Laura Preti,
Eleanor Baker, and Sally Baker.*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Sunday, May 28:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
Baptism and New Member Sunday
- Monday, May 29:** Church office closed in observance of
the Memorial Day Holiday.
- Tuesday, May 30:** 9:00 a.m. Tuesday Study Group-Chapter 5 (Classroom)
12:00 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, June 1:** 9:00 a.m. Bells of Casco Bay (Sanctuary)
- Friday, June 2:** Church office closed. Staff on PTO.
- Sunday, June 4:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
followed by Fellowship Coffee Hour downstairs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST CALL ~ [An urgent note from Family Promise](#)

There is a desperate need for diapers, sizes 5 and 6 for the Family Promise Program and St. Luke's Church, both of whom provide support to Maine's homeless and needy families. For anyone able to donate these much-needed products, please bring them into the church office within the next week, where they will be gathered and then delivered to Portland. Thanks very much! For questions, please contact Catherine Hannon, 415-3309.

After worship Fellowship/Coffee Hour (note "Fellowship" as the church ministry that facilitates this gathering) is an important part of the life of our church, an opportunity to connect, catch up, and communicate. For some members and friends, this is a significant and beneficial weekly social link. The fare served does not have to be elaborate, a hot coffee and cookie go a long way. Instructions on how to prepare the coffee as well as set up are available in writing right underneath the sign-up sheet located on the sideboard in the narthex. If everyone who attended service would commit to hosting just one Sunday (and two volunteers per Sunday is encouraged) a volunteer would most likely only need to step up once a year! And the office administers a budget for associated costs if this is a concern. So, what are you waiting for? Step forward and sign up! **FMI? Contact Liz or Pete Ventre at eventre1@maine.rr.com or pete@ventre.us. And thank you!**

HOLD THIS DATE.....and join Fellowship for an Ice Cream Social on Sunday June 11th after church. More details in the June Steeplenotes coming next week.



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An Open and Affirming Congregation

