



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jubilee!

Arnold B. Sherman

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Adapted from Mark 1:14-20

One: In Galilee, Jesus walked the shoreline, proclaiming to all,
Many: **“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news.”**

He found fishermen, brothers Simon and Andrew, and said,
“Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”
Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

He found James and John mending nets,
**And in words or ways lost to time, he called them,
And they left their nets, their boat, their family.**

To this day, Jesus calls: in words, in action, in ways seen and unseen.
**May we tune our vision, our hearing, and our hearts to receive that call,
Releasing what has been, and discovering what will be
As Christ leads us into ministry and the fullness of God’s love.**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light in accessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresisting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all:
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

* OPENING PRAYER

When we cannot see you, O God, you are there.
When we cannot hear you, you are there.
When we do not know how to seek you, you are there.
May your loving and eternal presence
Assure us of your care for all creation,
And awaken in us the courage to share it:
In our lives, in our church, in all the world we meet;
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM

Oh, Happy Morning

Cathy Mocklebust

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 62:5-12

SERMON

Silence: Twice Spoken

The Rev. Geoff Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** HYMN**

All My Hope on God Is Founded

Black Hymnal, #408

All my hope on God is founded: who else can my hope renew?
Still through change and chance God guides me, only good and only true.
God unknown, grace alone, calls my heart to be God's own.

Well does the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow!
With delight our souls are nourished; pleasure leads us where we go.
At God's hand does love stand; joy awaits each new command.

In glad hymns to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising for the love in Christ made known.
Hear Christ's call, one and all; those who follow shall not fall.

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Today's Ministers of Worship:

Mary Ryder and Robin Singer

Today's sanctuary arrangement:

Assembled by the Ministers of Worship

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



"Cultivating hope and resiliency in an age of eco-anxiety" will be the topic of a one-hour discussion with the Rev. Dr. Allen Ewing-Merrill of the BTS Center this coming Wednesday, January 24, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The program is the second in a four-part series hosted by the Green Team this winter focused on both the spirituality and practicalities of living sustainably. Join members and friends of FCC on Wednesday, January 31 for a discussion of **"The problem of plastics: how to reduce plastic use"** with GoGo Refill and the Falmouth Conservation Commission. **"Best practices to make our homes greener"** with Fred Horch of the non-profit Sustainable Practice will cap the series on Wednesday, February 7. Wednesday, February 21 is reserved in case of weather cancellations that may require postponing any of these programs. For more information, contact Green Team member Janette Gustafson, rq787878@hotmail.com



Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayers will begin again starting January 24 and carry through Lent.

Lenten Writing Workshop with Susan Deborah King

What has to die or be set aside for us to truly thrive? How does allowing ourselves to be empty and attentive encourage new growth? What choices offered us tempt us to live as less than our higher selves? How can we commit to honoring and offering our particular gifts so they can contribute to healing the world's ills? These are some of the questions the Lenten season poses to us. We will read poems by other poets that deal with these themes (and others), discuss the effectiveness (or not!) of how they are made, and let parts of these poems act as springboards for our own work. Those who wish to share what they have written with the group will be given the opportunity, but sharing is not a requirement. We will meet from 10:45-12:30 on three Sundays: February 18, 23, and March 3. Please contact Geoff at gparker@foresidechurch.org to register in advance.

The Justice & Outreach Ministry wishes to thank all of you for your warm welcome to our LGBTQ guests who have been presenting the Mission Moment for the past several months. To date, speakers were Gia Drew from EqualityMaine and Christine Caulfield from MaineTransNet. Gia was gracious enough to stay afterwards in the narthex to answer further questions, and Christine joined the congregation for coffee hour, again answering questions and sharing some personal anecdotes. Last October she also attended the evening round table discussion group held in the Fellowship Hall and that was led by Marvin Ellison. When Justice and Outreach Ministry started this initiative, one of the goals was to actually do something that would make a difference in people's lives. Now they have an opportunity. MaineTransNet is putting together youth packages that will be distributed from their center in Portland. These packages contain specific items requested by trans youth who are associated with this organization. An assortment from the list, which includes specific book titles, personal journals, sketch books, and even some Legos, have been purchased and paid for. *These "gifts" will be on display in the narthex on both Sunday January 20 and January 27. Please look them over, appreciating how their delivery will be gratefully received by these youth, and if so moved, choose something that you would like to give, and make a check out to FCC for the dollar amount of that item. These collections will help offset the cost associated with these purchases.*

J&O continues to be grateful to have the opportunity to learn about an important part of our community that isn't always understood very well and, sadly, is often discriminated against and worse. *The learning will continue! Please stay tuned*

Warm clothes needed for a baby girl - size 9-12 months. Please contact Dotty if you have any gently used items. ~ Thank you ~
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THIS WEEK AT FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, January 21: **9:30 a.m.** Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
 3:30 p.m. Falmouth – Foreside Youth Group
Justice & Outreach event in narthex. See “[Announcements](#)” for details.

Tuesday, January 23: **9:00 a.m.** Tuesday Study Group, Chapter 7 (Zoom)
 12:00 p.m. Knitters (Classroom)
 6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6:45 p.m. AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 7:15 p.m. Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, January 24: **3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Justice & Outreach (Zoom)
 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayers resume (Sanctuary)
 6:30 p.m. Green Team Presentation (Classroom)
 See “[Announcements](#)” for details.

Thursday, January 25: **9:00 a.m.** Bells of Casco Bay
 6:00 p.m. Women’s AA Meeting (Classroom)

Sunday, January 28: **9:30 a.m.** Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
 After Worship – Winter Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)
Justice & Outreach event in narthex. See “[Announcements](#)” for details.

Welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning!

We hope that you discover here what you have come seeking.

In the hymnal rack in front of you is a **welcome card** that you may fill out to let us know that you were here. It has a place to indicate how we might help you to learn more about us. Please check those boxes if that would be helpful. The card can be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. We are glad that you have come, and would be privileged to welcome you further.

Nursery care is always available during worship. The nursery is located through the side door at the front of the sanctuary, up the stairs, and down the hallway, third door on the right. Parents are welcome to walk their children to the nursery and then return to worship at any time.

Children aged 3 through grade 6 are invited to attend Sunday school. Classes are scheduled to run through 10:40 a.m., at which time children can be picked up from the large Sunday school classroom at the end of the hall. If services conclude prior to 10:40 a.m. please feel free to enjoy refreshments and fellowship downstairs until pick-up time. Otherwise, children can be picked up immediately following the service.

Comfortable seating is available during Sunday service. An assortment of cushions is available at the back of the church. If you need assistance in retrieving one, please do not hesitate to ask a Minister of Worship usher.

Join us for coffee and conversation immediately following worship! We gather in our reception area downstairs which can be reached via the stairs, or the ADA accessible elevator, both located at the rear of the sanctuary. Please come and say hello!

Communion Sundays are usually held the first Sunday of each month.

The Foreside Community Church strives to be a **fragrance-free environment**. Please help us to accommodate our members and visitors who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products, and/or similar products.

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