



Sunday, November 17, 2024

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Music

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Bringing Forth the Light of Christ

A Time of Silence to Center Ourselves

GOING DEEPER

*** Call to Worship** **by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay**

One: From generation to generation, the Holy One has loved justice and righteousness, lifted the broken and bowed, and opened possibilities for the dejected.

Many: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Trust the Holy One!

One: When the power brokers, corrupt systems, and tools of violence have failed us, the Holy One has remained faithful to abiding love and abundant liberation.

Many: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Follow the Holy One!

One: Praise the Holy One with song and dance, in spirit and in truth, for God's glory and for life abundantly!

Many: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Praise the Holy One!

***Opening Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Chalice #16

**1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,**

mount of thy redeeming love.

**2 Here I raise to thee an altar;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

Call to Confession

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what
we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole
heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are
truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may
delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your
Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Receive the good news: the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, so far
does he remove our transgressions from us. In Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven.

Anthem "Now Thank We All Our God"

Passing of the Peace of Christ

GOD'S WORD TO US

Scripture reading Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Luke 16:19-31

Sermon "When Your Mind's Made Up" Katie Walsh

Hymn "Amazing Grace" Chalice #546

**1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**4 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

TIME OF PRAYER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our * 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**

**2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.**

**3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

**4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north:
all loving hearts are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

***Closing Circle and Commissioning One Another**

**Go into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the
afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the
power of the Holy Spirit.**

***Sung Response “Spirit of the Living God” #259 Chalice**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

*Benediction

Katie Walsh

Postlude

* *Please stand if you are able*

We are grateful to have Katie Walsh leading worship today and assisting us during this time of transition. Katie lives in Acworth, NH, with her husband Kurt, 8-month-old baby Jack, and two golden retrievers. She holds dual degrees in Divinity and Social Work; while she is a social worker by day, she serves as a Deacon in her local church and occasionally preaches. Katie is a former student of Nan DeVries and is delighted to be in Wilmot this morning!

Acknowledgement: Our worship service takes place on N'dakinna, the traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki, Penacook and Wabanaki Peoples past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land and waterways and the people who have stewarded N'dakinna throughout the generations.

Upcoming Events and Meetings This Week

Sunday, Nov. 17	10:00 am – Worship in person & on zoom 10:00 am - Sunday School 11:15 am – Coffee Hour 11:15 am – Adult Sunday School
Monday, Nov. 18	10:00 am – Search Committee
Tuesday, Nov. 19	3:30 pm – Justice and Witness on Zoom
Wednesday, Nov. 20	2:00 pm – Choir Practice 6:00 pm – Library Wreath Making
Thursday, Nov. 21	12:00 pm – Senior Lunches 6 pm – AA meeting in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm – Green Team Meeting
Sunday, November 24	10:00 am – Worship in person & on zoom 11:15 am – Coffee Hour

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