



THE BAR HARBOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**United Church of Christ
29 Mount Desert Street
Bar Harbor, Maine 04609**

August 7, 2022

10:00 am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

SILENT REFLECTION

Now faith – yours, others, everyone’s – is the assurance of God-given dream, a vision-conviction of the unseeable.

Those who came before us offer witness
to receiving this dream-conviction in their time.

By faith we inhabit-inherit-imbibe-imprint this world –
worlds-in-World, which were-are-will be prepared
by the World/Word of God who can create the seen-scene...
from the unseeable.

(an expansion/expression of the Letter to the Hebrews 11: 1 – 3)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks to our worship assistants today: Kelly Roos, Liturgist; Debbie Hammond, Welcome Table; and Chloe Bolt, Kathe Simons, Al Simons, Steve Grubb, Cristy Benson and Jim Brown, worship technicians.

The flowers today are given by Beth Murphy in memory of her parents, Mary and Henry Brown, and her grandparents Elsie and Carroll Brown.

- **BHCC Saunter** Thursdays
- **BHCC Bible study** Friday @ 11: in-person or on Zoom
- **You're invited to share your offering** in the offering plates either at the welcome table or on your way out after worship

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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT *All Are Welcome (verse 5)*

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard,
And loved and treasured , taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*adapted from Psalm 50:1 – 8, 22 – 23*)

Leader: God, great Creator, speaks, summoning the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**People: Out of Zion the beauty of perfection, God comes,
shining forth as a devouring fire with a mighty tempest all around him.**

Leader: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that the people may be
judged. Gather to me, my faithful ones, with whom I covenanted.

**People: Hear, O my people, and I will testify against you. I am God, your
God.**

Leader: Mark this, then, you who forget God, or your life will be torn apart.

**People: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me, to those
who go the right way I will show the salvation I offer.**

HYMN *Lord, Speak To Me*

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;
As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone.

Oh, strengthen me, that I may stand,
Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.
Oh, fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very hearts o'erflows
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**God of justice,
your word is light and truth.
Let your face shine on us to restore us,
summoning us that we may walk in your way,
seeking justice and doing good,
offering thanks every day without end. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

Glory to the Almighty,
to Jesus Christ,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end.
Amen, amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns

Text prayer requests in the chat box.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline thine ear to us
And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

A reading from the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 12, verses 32 - 40.

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

MEDITATION

“Now Faith Is...”

Bruce Burnham

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERING

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Your bounty is our blessing, Divine Giver
of all good gifts. Bless every offering of
this people who worship that the bounty
will spread wherever your Spirit is found.
Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Presence of Holiness who spans our planet and universe, your psalmist speaks about your coming as a devouring fire and a swirling tempest. The words sound like predictions of the issues we face with death-dealing heat events and drought conditions while drenching rains come elsewhere to devour lives and homes. Human ignorance and rampant greed is complicit in changing the balances of nature.

Dare we ask for your forgiveness and help in the problems we face? Dare we do anything else but ask, O God, for our and creation's need is so great. Help us, Holy One.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING OF PEACE

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sursum Corda

Leader: May God be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Eucharistic Prayer *(from the Iona Community)*

God of new life, send your Holy Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may become for us heaven's food and drink: healing, forgiving, making us whole; and that we may become your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

Leader: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: All are welcome to this feast of grace.

Sharing of bread and cup (*we'll eat it all together*)

Prayer after communion

Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table with the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring, here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal, taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming, here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered In communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal, taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing, here in peace we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude
Taste and see the grace eternal, taste and see that God is good

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING (*adapted from Romans 15*)

May the God of patience and consolation — From whom all gracious and seasonable provisions proceed; grant us to be like-minded one toward another; that is, to be united in peace and love; according to the example of Christ Jesus, for his honor and glory.

Leader: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE

Make Us One

Make Us One, Lord, Make Us One,
Holy Spirit, Make Us One.
Let Your Love Flow
So The World Will Know
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CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE