



**THE BAR HARBOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**29 Mount Desert Street**  
**Bar Harbor, Maine 04609**

July 25, 2021

10:00 AM

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE**

*Cate and Jane Pope*

**SILENT REFLECTION** *(by Edwidge Danticat)*

In Haiti, we have a concept called konbit: a gathering with a shared goal. Members of a community come together to accomplish something that benefits the entire community, or a single person in need. Konbits initially began in agriculture. “Today I work your field, tomorrow you work mine,” the Haitian novelist Jacques Roumain wrote of konbits. . . . How do we define community in a time of crisis, which is in many ways what community is for? We don’t need our neighbors as much when we are healthy and wealthy and can pay for all the assistance we require.

**GREETING**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers this morning are given by Michael and Patricia DiZazzo in memory of Pat's sister, Judy Dodier.**

**Special Thanks to Scott Hammond, our Liturgist today, and to Pat and Mike DiZazzo, staffing the Welcome Table.**

- **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** after church today, regarding the revised budget in support of the proposed Minister of Faith Formation position. PLEASE stay and attend - your voice and your vote are needed!
- **Welcome table helpers / liturgists needed** - sign up on the whiteboard or contact Paul in the church office
- **Morning prayer** Tues 8:30am, FB live or in-person
- **Open Table Tuesday**, @4-6pm: takeout / delivery
- **BHCC Saunter** Thursday @ **9:30 am** (note the change from 10)
- **Evening prayer** Thurs @7pm- FB Live or in-person
- **Bible study** Friday @ 11am – Zoom or in-person
- **Shaving Cream Whiffle Ball** Friday, July 30, at 6:00pm
- **ACMNP Sunset Worship Services** – 7:30 @ Hadley Point
- **You're invited to share your offering** in the offering plates either at the welcome table or on your way out after worship
- *Need anything? Call Pastor Rob @ 266-9026.*

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

**INTROIT**        *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, verse 1*

Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee  
God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee  
Hail Thee as the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*by Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi*)

One: We join together as hungry eaters – to be nourished by the food you offer.

**Many: God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.**

One: As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread, and the vineyards that produce sweet wine, so tend to our bodies by feeding us what helps us grow.

**Many: God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.**

One: The abundant crops that you have prepared are now ready to be harvested by our hands and hearts.

**Many: Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.**

**HYMN**                    *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, sustainer of the hungry, you long to feed your people until all are satisfied. In your compassionate love, you nourish us with the words of life, the water of renewal, and the bread of blessing. Turn our eyes and hearts again to you, that, while aware of our own deep longing, we reach out with Christ to feed others with the miracle of your love. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*We welcome to the family of Christ Ellis-John Walter Britt, son of Kaitlyn Britt and nephew of Anthony Britt and Alex Britt, who was baptized in our church in 1986.*

**\*HYMN**            *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

I was there to hear your borne cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in,  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise.

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I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

## **Pouring and Blessing of Water**

## **Holy Baptism and Congregational Welcome**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

**We give you thanks O God for this your beloved child and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Give him strength for life's journey, courage in the time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this new member of the body of Christ, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **Joys and Concerns**

*Text prayer requests in the chat box.*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer** (*using '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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer (verse 2)*

Sweet hour of prayer, Sweet hour of prayer  
The joys I feel, the bliss I share  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn  
With strong desires for Thy return  
With such I hasten to the place  
Where God my Savior shows such grace  
And gladly take my station there  
And wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*2 Kings 4:42-44*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."

But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

*John 6:1-21*

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."

So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

## **MEDITATION**

*"Too Tough for Me"*  
*Rev. Robert S. Benson*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Cate and Jane Pope*

## **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** (by Mary Petrina Boyd)

In our hands, the gifts seem so paltry, but in yours, they can bring plenitude of grace to those who are so hungry for hope. In our hearts, we wonder how effective our ministries might be, but joined with yours, we can indeed bring healing, love, peace, and joy to our struggling communities. Bless us and these gifts; multiply our hopes and our efforts, that your wonders might come into the world around us. Amen.

**HYMN**

*We Are Called*

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called – to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

*Refrain: We are called to act with justice.  
We are called to love tenderly.  
We are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.*

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called – to be hope for the hopeless,  
so hatred and blindness will be no more! *Refrain*

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign – and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love! *Refrain*

**BENEDICTION AND BLESSING** *(by Rev. Karla Miller)*

Leader: Five loaves and two fish are never enough until we start giving it away.

**ALL: Dear God, remind me to share whatever is in my basket today.**

**You will do the rest.**

**Amen.**

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

we are one in you.

*(repeat)*

**CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE**