



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

May 16, 2021

10:00 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

SILENT REFLECTION *(by Mary Oliver)*

This morning, at waterside, a sparrow flew
to a water rock and landed, by error, on the back
of an eider duck, lightly it fluttered off, amused.
The duck, too, was not provoked, but, you might say, was
laughing.

This afternoon a gull sailing over
our house was casually scratching
its stomach of white feathers with one
pink foot as it flew.

Oh Lord, how shining and festive is your gift to us, if we
only look, and see.

GREETING

Rod and Cindy Fox

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers this morning are given by Judy and Bill Fuller in loving memory of Judy's mother, Mildred White.

- **In person worship May 23 - Sign up!**
- **There is a need for volunteers** to serve as Greeters / Liturgists, to staff our welcome table, and to provide special music. Contact Debby Hammond if you'd like to help.
- **Morning prayer** Tues 8:30am
- **Open Table Tuesday**, @4-6pm: takeout / delivery
- **BHCC Saunter** Thursday @ 10am
- **Evening prayer** Thurs @7pm- FB Live
- **Bible study Friday @ 11am**
- **If you'd like to give flowers** in June - contact Dottie Robins
- *Need anything? Call Pastor Rob @ 266-9026.*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (verse 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(by Amy Loving)*

led by Cindy & Rod Fox

Leader: Come, let us delight in the law of the Lord.

People: Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.

Leader: Come, let us be nourished by the Living Water.

People: Together, we will worship the One who enables us to thrive.

HYMN*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(by Terri)**led by Scott Hammond*

Let us join our hearts together in the spirit of prayer.

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Help us to see your presence burning in the hearts of others; grant that we may be united in a fellowship of love and prayer; give us the courage to pick up our cross and respond to the needs of the world, give us the stamina to follow you, to be your hands and heart in the world; enable us to witness to your grace and mercy. We pray all this through the love your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns

Text prayer requests in the chat box.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*using 'sins'*)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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 *Ubi Caritas* (*sing through twice*)

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - mor,

The first system of musical notation is in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - mor,' are written below the treble staff. The melody is simple and homophonic, with a final note on a whole rest.

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u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece, starting with a measure rest of 5. It is in the same 2/4 time and Bb key signature. The lyrics 'u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.' are written below the treble staff. The melody features a triplet of eighth notes on the word 'i' and ends with a double bar line.

(translation: where there is charity and love – God is there)

SCRIPTURE READING

led by Scott Hammond

John 17:6-19

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Doug and Ann Lee

MEDITATION

Rev. Rob Benson

HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain:

*Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

I am weak and I need Thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *[Refrain]*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when worry and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *[Refrain]*

I am lost, if you take your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *[Refrain]*

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING *(by Peter L. Haynes)*

May God bless, lead, guide, and protect us through times of trial.
May the love of Christ, seen in what he did and heard in what he said, fill us with joy and hope.
May the Holy Spirit accompany us, leading us into truth, lighting the way of faith, and strengthening us to follow Jesus, so we will be like a strong tree, growing deep and offering shade and shelter to many.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE

God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again – verse 1

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE