



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

October 10, 2021

10:00 AM

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

SILENT REFLECTION (*From Xenocide by Orson Scott Card*)

He wasn't telling her what the gods were, he was telling her what goodness was. To want other people to grow. To want other people to have all the good things that you have. And to spare them the bad things if you can. That was goodness.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks to Scott Hammond, Liturgist, and Debbie Hammond, welcome table, assisting today.

The flowers this morning are given by Doreen and John Willett in memory of Joan, Luanne, John Sr., and Paul, their parents.

Today we welcome Hannah Mondrach as our guest preacher. Hannah teaches Chemistry and Environmental Science at Mount Desert Island High School, and usually worships with Seaside UCC on Sundays. She has been taking seminary classes and is a Member in Discernment with the Sunrise Association, and she is looking forward to getting to know other UCC folks on the island! She is grateful for the welcome here at Bar Harbor!

- **Sign up to help** w/ welcome table / liturgist on the whiteboard
- **Special mission offering** this month: UCC Disaster Relief
- **Open Table Tuesday @4-6pm** for take-out or delivery
- **Morning prayer Tues @8:30, evening prayer Thurs @7pm** via BHCC Facebook video post
- **BHCC Bible study** Friday @ 11am: 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
- *Pastor Rob is away this week. If you need anything while he's away contact Douglas Cornman at (207) 479-0707 or dcornma@seacoastmission.org.*

INTROIT *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the Living God – fall afresh on me
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 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me
 Spirit of the Living God – fall afresh on me.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 90, verses 12-17*)

Leader: So teach us to count our days
 that we may gain a wise heart.

**People: Turn, O LORD! How long?
 Have compassion on your servants!**

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
 so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**People: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
 and as many years as we have seen evil.**

Leader: Let your work be manifest to your servants,
 and your glorious power to their children.

**People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
 and prosper for us the work of our hands—
 O prosper the work of our hands!**

HYMN *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, O fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let thy grace now, like a fetter, bind my wondering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for you very own.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Living and active God, God of both the rich and the poor: You are the judge of our intentions, the One who knows our hearts. We are weak, yet you sympathize with us. For You, all things are possible, and so we come to You in grace and boldness, with the belief that the "first will be last, and the last will be first."

CHILDREN'S TIME

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 *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 Hebrews 4, verses 12–16.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A reading from Mark 10, verses 17–31.

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

MEDITATION *"We Are Camels"*
 Hannah Mondrach

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**

Having recognized the many gifts we bring and receive from one another, let us share what we have in gratitude. May these tangible gifts, and all the intangible gifts we share among us, make known to the world that God is within us and among us. Amen.

HYMN *Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide. Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING (*from Book of Common Prayer*)

Let us now go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

SUNG RESPONSE *My Life Flows on in Endless Song, v. 1*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing
It sounds an echo in my soul – how can I keep from singing?

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE