



**THE BAR HARBOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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

June 19, 2022

10:00 am

Second Sunday of Pentecost  
Father's Day  
Juneteenth

**PRELUDE**

**SILENT REFLECTION** (*St. Catherine of Siena*)

The sun hears the fields talking about effort  
and the sun smiles,  
and whispers to me, "Why don't the fields just rest, for  
I am willing to do  
everything  
to help them grow?"  
Rest, my dears, in prayer.

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Special Thanks to our worship assistants today: Kay Rand, Liturgist; Mackette Kark, Prayer Leader; Joan and Bil Harding, welcome table; and Chloe Bolt, Kathe Simons, Al Simons, Steve Grubb, Cristy Benson and Jim Brown, worship technicians.**

**The flowers today are given by Pastor Rob and Cristy Benson in honor of their fathers, in honor of Rob and Cristy's wedding anniversary, and in honor of their son Jacob's birthday.**

**Last week's flowers were given in honor of MDI nurses.**

- **Juneteenth celebration** 12-4pm today at Knowlton Park in Ellsworth
- **Morning prayer** Tues @8:30, via BHCC Facebook live, or in person
- **Labyrinth on the Lawn** - Wednesday June 22nd @ BHCC. 10-4
- **BHCC Saunter** Thursdays - meet at the church @ 10
- **Evening Prayer** Thursday at 7:00 pm, via BHCC Facebook live, or in person
- **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
- **Pilgrim Lodge is ON!!** Check out the awesome summer offerings for all ages at <https://www.pilgrimlodge.org>
- Need anything? Contact Pastor Rob at 266-9026.

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

**INTROIT**      *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (verse 1)*

Like the murmur of the Dove's song  
Like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
Like the new flames' eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Worship Ways*)

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams of water, our souls reach out to seek our God.

**Many: Where is our God? In the cleansing of the rain, in the refreshing of a pool, in the predictability of a faucet.**

One: With glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, our voices lift toward our God.

**Many: Where is our God? In the melody of voices raised in concert, in the stillness of silence, in the cacophony of spontaneous praise.**

One: As deep calls to deep, we come to worship the Living God.

**Many: Where is our God? In the echoes of our prayers, in the reverence of bowed heads, in the hope of raised faces. The Holy One is with us.**

## **HYMN** As the Deer Panteth for the Water

As the deer panteth for the water,  
So my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my hearts desire  
And I long to worship Thee.

*[Refrain]*

*You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship You.*

You're my friend and You are my brother,  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything

*Refrain*

I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
And the apple of my eye.

*Refrain*

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy Wisdom, we hear you calling us to gather and to hope in your name. Ignite sacred courage in us to proclaim the good news of justice from the comfort of the sanctuary to the public witness of the city gates. Inspire a compelling vision of a gracious, beloved, and empowered community that propels us to confront inequities, challenge privilege, and participate in your creative work in our time. Renew our hope for humanity so that we might rejoice in this inhabited world and delight in our siblings. Amen.

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

#### **Joys and Concerns**

*Text prayer requests in the chat box.*

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer** (*trespasses*)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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**

*Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians, chapter 3, verses 23-29*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

*A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 8, verses 26-39*

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"-- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him."

## MEDITATION

Kiah Baxter

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Deiran Manning, piano*

## 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**

We give you thanks, God Our Help, for the abundance of the gifts you have planted in us as seeds that we may share in bloom. May these offerings be received and magnified for your glory.

## **HYMN**     *In Christ there is no East or West*

In Christ there is no East or West,  
in him no South or North,  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,  
in him meet South and North.  
All Christly souls are joined as one  
throughout the whole wide earth.

## **BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

Through the witnessing of beauty, may we encounter wonder.

Through the tenderness of kind relationships, may we experience care.

In our anger over injustice, may we connect with courageous action.

In all the ordinary aches and joys of being alive, the presence of God is with us.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **SUNG RESPONSE**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing (verse 1)*

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;

Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, thy love possessing,

Triumph in redeeming grace;

Oh, refresh us, Oh, refresh us,

Traveling through this wilderness.

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

## **POSTLUDE**