



**THE BAR HARBOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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

September 17, 2023

10:00 am

*Judas Sunday*

**PRELUDE**

**SILENT REFLECTION** *(by Dorothy Day )*

We have all known the long loneliness,  
and we have learned that the only solution is love,  
and that love comes with community.  
It all happened while we sat there talking,  
and it is still going on.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Debby Hammond, Welcome Table; Chloe Bolt, Kathe Simons, Al Simons,  
Steve Grubb, worship technicians.**

**The altar flowers are given today by Jan Varnum, in loving memory of her  
husband, Don; her parents, Ruth & Fred Witt; and her siblings, Dean, Claude,  
Gene, Neil, & Carol.**

**Special thanks to Jacob Lamontagne for his gifts of music today!**

## ***BHCC This Week***

Sunday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am <b>Worship Service</b> at BHCC & on Zoom 11:15am <b>Coffee Fellowship</b> and <b>Let's Talk about Covenant Membership</b> 11:30am Connections <b>Luncheon</b> – at <i>Mama Dimatteo's</i> 3pm <b>Concert</b> with <b>Harborside Trio</b>
Monday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	6pm BHCC <b>Choir</b> & music ministry get-together
Wednesday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	12pm BHCC Jax <b>fellowship lunch</b> @ Roscoe's 6pm <b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons</b> @ BHCC
Thursday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am BHCC <b>Saunter</b> 1pm BHCC <b>Outreach</b> meeting (all are welcome) 6:30pm <b>Evening Prayer</b> – in-person and via BHCC Facebook Live
Friday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>8am Backpack Program packers</b> <b>11am Bible Study (in-person and via Zoom)</b>
Saturday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2pm Memorial Service for <b>Carolyn Miller</b>
Sunday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Reception of New Members</i>	10am <b>Worship Service</b> at BHCC & on Zoom 11:15am <b>Coffee Fellowship</b>

## **WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**INTROIT**      *Like the murmur of a 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 flame's eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**      *(from Psalm 103)*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**ALL: And all that is within me bless God's holy name.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, my soul, and forget none of God's benefits:

**ALL: Who pardons our wrongdoing and heals our ills; who rescues us from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion; who satisfies us with good and renews our youth like an eagle's.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, my soul.

**ALL: And all that is within me bless God's holy name.**

**HYMN**                      *Gather Us In*

Here in this place new light is streaming  
shadows of doubt are vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day  
*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken*  
*Gather us in, our spirits inflame*  
*Call to us now and we shall awaken*  
*We shall arise at the sound of our name*

We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race  
*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty*  
*Gather us in, the proud and the strong*  
*Give us a heart so meek and so lowly*  
*Give us the courage to enter the song*

Here we receive new life in the waters;  
Here we receive the bread of new birth;  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth  
*Give us to drink the wine of compassion*  
*Give us to eat the bread that is you*  
*Nourish us well and teach us to fashion*  
*Lives that are holy and hearts that are true*

Not just in buildings, small and confining;  
Not in some heaven light years away  
here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is God present, and now is the day  
*Gather us in and hold us forever*  
*Gather us in and make us your own*  
*Gather us in, all peoples together*  
*Fire of love in our flesh and our bone*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**      *(by Moira Laidlaw)*

**Awesome and majestic God, our ancestors in faith beheld your creative power and your holiness as clouds and fire guiding them to freedom. You also equip us for our journey through life and beyond, by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We praise and adore you, O God, for choosing to share your life with us in and through Jesus. May this time of worship and the service of our lives reveal our thanksgiving and wonder that you should so care for us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**GLORIA PATRI**

*(You are invited to use the words that are most meaningful to you)*

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**

*All who wish may offer a prayer. As each prayer concludes, please join together in saying, "we walk with you in prayer."*

**Joys and Concerns**

*Text prayer requests in the chat box.*

## **Pastoral Prayer**

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

*(You are invited to use the words that are most meaningful to you)*

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.

### **Sung Response**            *Just as I am, verse 3*

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind;  
Yes, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

*a reading from the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 14*

So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want." He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

All of them deserted him and fled.

**HYMN***I Love to Tell the Story*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true,  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

*Refrain:*

I love to tell the story,  
'Twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

**MEDITATION***Betrayed with a kiss*

Rev. Robert S. Benson

**SPECIAL MUSIC***Jacob Lamontagne***THE OFFERING****Offertory**

**\*Doxology**      *You are invited to use the words that are most meaningful to you*

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.

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

*(Carol Penner)*

Giver of all good things, let your grace flow through us; a generous stream,  
unstoppable, refreshing, abundant. We release these gifts into your river of love,  
flowing out to all the world. Amen.

**HYMN***Lord I want to be a Christian*

Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving  
in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy  
in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

**BLESSING AND BENEDICTION** *(by Nancy C. Townley)*

As we have been forgiven, let us go into a world that needs our forgiving,  
healing presence. Let us bring peace and hope to others, sharing God's love.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SUNG RESPONSE** *Blest be the tie that binds, verse 1*

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.



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

## **POSTLUDE**

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