



B.H. Congregational Church

Bar Harbor, Maine

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

July 3, 2022

10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

SILENT REFLECTION *(by Mary Oliver)*

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT **Seek Ye First** (verse 1)
Strength and Song (blue hymnal) p.156

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 66)*

Leader: Come and celebrate! Shout joyfully to the Lord, our
God! Glorify God with praise!

People: **Everything on earth will worship you, O God;**
All will sing your praises, shouting your name in
joyful songs.

Leader: Come and see what God has done!

People: Let the whole world bless our God and sing
God's praise. For our lives are in God's hands, who
keeps our feet from stumbling.

HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations
(Sung to 'Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven')
Strength and Song (blue hymnal) p. 51

PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(from RCL Prayers)*

God of fresh beginnings, you make all things new in the wisdom of Christ. Make us agents of your transforming power, and heralds of your reign of justice and peace, that all may share in the healing Christ brings. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

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

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(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, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (v. 1)
Pilgrim Hymnal (red hymnal) #232

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Galatians 6: 1-11, 16

Pew Bible p. 948

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Pew Bible p. 844

MEDITATION "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness"
Rev. Robert S. Benson

SPECIAL MUSIC

Anthem

*Leonard Cohen
Robin Ann Barron*

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 Thom Shuman)**

God of hope-filled generosity: in the offering of our gifts and the living of our days, may we not grow weary of doing what is right, but commit to speaking up for the voiceless, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, and sharing all those mercies which are such a part of your heart and hopes for all your beloved. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (by Rev. Heather A. Moody)

Leader: O God, Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. But often we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, looking for safety by avoiding risk, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down. Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly, and heal us of our pain and guilt.

People: Forgive us and heal us, O God.

Leader: Holy One, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary, but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all. And yet hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out. Forgive us for hollow excuses and heal us of our exhaustion.

People: Forgive us and heal us, O God.

Leader: O God, we confess that we sometimes expect you to perform great complicated acts in flashy and dramatic ways, so we fail to see how you are at work in the simple tasks and ordinary experiences of everyday life. Forgive us for our misunderstanding and heal us of our sightlessness.

People: Forgive us and heal us, O God.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sursum Corda

Leader: May God be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Eucharistic Prayer *(from the Iona Community)*

God of new life, send your Holy Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may become for us heaven's food and drink: healing, forgiving, making us whole; and that we may become your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

Leader: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: All are welcome to this feast of grace.

Sharing of bread and cup *(we'll eat it all together)*

Prayer after communion

HYMN

Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ

Strength and Song (blue hymnal) p. 116

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING (by Jann Aldredge-Clanton)

We go forth in the name of the One who birthed us, in the assurance that the Comforter remains with us always. We go to give comfort and grace to others. May Divine Wisdom guide us as we travel along Her paths of peace. May we find joy in sharing these blessings with others.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE

Lead Me, Guide Me (verse 1)

Strength and Song (blue hymnal) p. 109

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE