

Worship Guide

Waterville United Church of Christ

October 20, 2024



**kindness.
compassion.
humility.
respect.
love.**

Seeking to walk in the Way of Jesus, we are an Open and Affirming church, faithfully using who we are and what we have to serve those on the margins of our community. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Those we have served	
This week:	7 Loads of Love 490 Essentials Closet
Year to date:	6446

COMING TOGETHER

Welcome & Mission Statement

Prelude

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesu

arr. Cindy Berry

Re-Orientation

Peace Across the Divide

Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

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PROCLAIMING REALLY GOOD NEWS

The Jesus Tour Children's Time

Scripture

Isaiah 11:6-9

In this series we are examining the news we take in and share. We are looking for the "really good news" that can sustain us in the long haul. Together, we find ways to tell deeply good news for all people by filtering our interactions through the lens of compassion. Today's scripture gives us what feels like an impossible vision: those who are enemies existing peacefully together. It is said that if we can envision something, we can work towards it. Can we believe in the vision that the scriptures offer us of a way of being "full of the knowledge of God" instead of our own limited imagination and knowing?

The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Reader: A word of God for our times.

*People: **Thanks be to God.***

The Word in Music

True Colors

Cindy Lauper

Sermon

The Polarization Within: Compassion

RESPONDING WITH ALTERNATIVE NARRATIVES

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of “the Wounded”

Prayer of Jesus *(said in whatever language or version is in your heart)*

Our Creator in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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. Do not lead us into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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

Earthkeeping Moment

Reciprocity: Offering

RIPPLING FORTH

Hymn

Blest Be the Tie

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Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Cindy Berry

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Sarah Miller - *Liturgist*

David Dean - *Soloist/Pianist*
Sally Melcher-McKeagney - *Deacon*

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Daily Prayer Check-In - meeting ID: 914 158 897 passcode: 693668
Sunday Worship - meeting ID: 360 970 974 passcode: 835873

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