

**First Congregational Church
Waterville United Church of Christ
November 20, 2022
9:30 AM
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**



“Ubuntu is the Xhosa word [that] recognizes that human beings need each other for survival and well-being. A person is a person only through other persons, we say. We must care for one another in order to thrive.”

from Made For Goodness by Archbishop Desmond Tutu & Rev. Mpho Tutu

Words of Greeting

Music for Gathering

Give Thanks

Harry Smith

Threshold Moment

Opening Hymn

We Gather Together

NCH 421

Presentation of Scripture

Psalm 98 (Inclusive Bible)

Sing a new song to YHWH, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought deliverance! YHWH has made salvation known and shown divine justice to the nations, and has remembered in truth and love the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Most High, all the earth, break into joyous songs of praise! Sing praise to YHWH with the harp, with the harp and melodious singing! With trumpets and the blast of the shofar, raise a shout to YHWH, Ruler of All. Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy before YHWH, who comes to judge the earth, who will rule the world with justice and its peoples with equity.

Sermon

Ubuntu

Joys & Concerns

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of our Savior (*say the one that is in your heart*)

A Traditional Version

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

A Contemporary Version

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.

Offering

Time with Children

The Word in Music

It's You I Like

Fred Rodgers

Invitation to the Table

Silent Prayer of Confession

Pardon

The Peace

Prayer of Consecration

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with all your saints: for saints no longer with us, especially those we have honored here; for all saints now living among us, who gift us with their presence in our lives; and for saints who will come after us, continuing Your Good News into the future. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, Eternal Host, for filling us with joy at the feast. Gathered around your Table with siblings present in multiple places and multiple ways, we have tasted of your promised Feast in that place, that time, that life beyond this, where all hurtful words silenced, where all is pain left behind, where hope and grace are our closest friends, and we will join our hearts and voices with our sisters and brothers who forever sing of your glory, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Come, O Thankful People, Come

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Words of Blessing

Musical Blessing

To God Be the Glory

William Doane

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Ian R. Lynch - Pastor
David Dean – Soloist/Pianist
Regina Oliver - Liturgist
Bill Lee – Deacon of the Week

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Numbers Served this week:

Essentials Closet: 158

Loads of Love: 11

Entire year of Essentials, Loads of Love & Stone Soup Café 2022: 5935

10:00 a.m. Daily Prayer Check in password

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/914158897?pwd=VkEwUG5rbEdwaFB3NGJyU3NhV2hGUT09>

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Our Church Life: This Coming Week

November 20, 2022

Today, November 20	9:30 a.m. Worship Service in-person and on Zoom and You Tube
Monday,	21 Office Closed 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in time on Zoom 11:30 a.m. Stone Soup Café in Winslow
Tuesday	22 Office Closed 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in time on Zoom
Wednesday	23 9:00 a.m. Essentials Closet 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in time on Zoom
Thursday	24 Thanksgiving Day 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in-time on Zoom
Friday	25 9:00 a.m. Essentials Closet 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in-time on Zoom 11:30 a.m. Stone Soup Café in Winslow
Saturday	26 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in-time
Sunday	27 First Sunday in Advent 9:30 a.m. Worship Service in-person and on Zoom and You Tube

CHURCH STAFF and OFFICERS

Rev. Ian R. Lynch - Pastor

Sally Melcher-McKeagney, R.N. - Faith Community Nurse

Rev. Maureen Ausbrook – Starfish Village Ministry

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