

Worship Guide

Waterville United Church of Christ

April 28, 2024



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:	309 Essentials Closet
Year to date:	2209

Gathering at the Gate

Welcome & Mission Statement

Prelude

There Is a Balm

arr. Philip Keveren

The Collective Story of Resurrection

**Rise up in us and we will rise
From death into a newfound life:
From bondage freed, from harm released,
From illness healed, as one in peace.
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

When faced with permanent obstacles, rather than repeat what once worked, we can shift our perspective to other ways of well-being.

This is a Word of Hope for the people who long for it. **Thanks be to the Living Word.**

Opening Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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The Key to Peace

Proclaiming Healing

New Life Happens

Reading

Genesis 32:24-32

Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

Anthem

Fix You

Coldplay

A Story of Healing: A Woman in the Crowd *Mark 5:24-34*

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say,

'Who touched me?' " He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Testimony to Healing

Resurrection Story: Healing

Responding to Healing

Prayers

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

Creation Care Moment

Opportunities to Live Resurrected: Offering

Unlocking Healing

Announcements

Hymn

Blessed Quietness

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Benediction

Postlude

Guide Us O Great Redeemer

Welsh.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Ian R. Lynch - Pastor
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Bill Lee - Deacon of the Week

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

It is also possible to join with audio only by calling 1 929 205 6099

Resurrection Stories

Unlock yours.

**Guided
Reflection
Journal**



You may download or pick up a copy of the Guided Reflection Journal for your personal use during this series or anytime.

You are also invited to join together to watch the weekly videos and share in conversation on Zoom on **Thursdays at 7:00** Meeting ID: 360 970 974 Passcode: 855873



"O friends, not these tones! Rather let us tune our voices more pleasantly and more joyously."

CHORAL MASTERWORK

4 MAY 7:30

5 MAY 3:00

A collaboration among the orchestra, invited vocal soloists, and Colby Choirs to present Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, an epic ode to community and the joy of life. In addition, the concert will celebrate the student winner of the annual Music Department Concerto Competition and will include the overture to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's beloved opera buffa, *Le Nozze de Figaro*.

Gordon Center, Colby College

arts.colby.edu/reserve-tickets

LIVING WATER ASSOCIATION

SPRING MEETING



DATE
MAY 5, 2024



TIME
2:00 PM



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"BUILDING HOPE"

A new documentary film brings a compelling message to audiences around Maine and beyond: there is hope for ending the suffering of homelessness.

MCC invites you to watch this moving Maine-made film by Emmy-nominated director Richard Kane. Then join us for a panel discussion with Mr. Kane and some of the people portrayed in his film.

6:30pm on Thursday, May 2, via Zoom.

Through the **Strengthen the Church Offering**, we help support the work of conferences and the national setting as we become a multi-racial/ multi-cultural church.



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