

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Waterville, Maine

August 13, 2023

BRAIDING SWEETGRASS



Finding the Creator
in Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge,
and the Teachings of Plants

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:	3 Loads of Love
Year to date:	3566

Gathering & Passing the Peace

Prelude

Try to Remember

Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt

Threshold

Story Time

Opening Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross

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Bringing Words to Life

Matthew 8:18-23 (First Nations Version)

Creator Sets Free [Jesus] saw the great number of people around him and gave his followers instructions to prepare a canoe to cross over to the other side of the lake.

On the way to the lake, a scroll keeper walked up to him, "Wisdom-keeper," he said, "I will follow you wherever you want to go."

He answered the man, "The foxes live in their holes, the winged ones who fly above us live in their nests, but the True Human Being has no place to lay his head."

Another follower said to Creator Sets Free, "Honored One, let me first go home to my father until it is time to bury him."

Let the ones who are spiritually dead bury their dead," he said to the man. "You come and walk the road with me."

Anthem

Seminole Wind

John Anderson

Message

Braiding Sweetgrass: Wonder

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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

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

the kindom, the power, and the glory are
yours, now and forever. Amen.

thine is the kingdom and the power and
the glory forever. Amen

Offering

Creation Care Moment

Announcements

Closing Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Benediction

Prelude

Ave Verum

Mozart

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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

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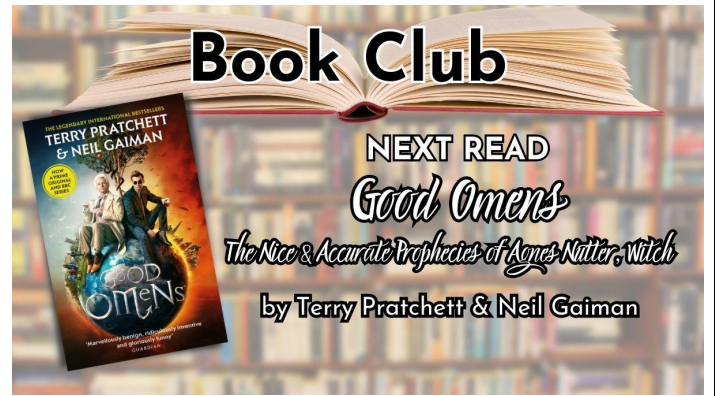
Daily Prayer Check-In - meeting ID: 914 158 897 passcode: 693668

Sunday Worship - meeting ID: 360 970 974 passcode: 835873

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

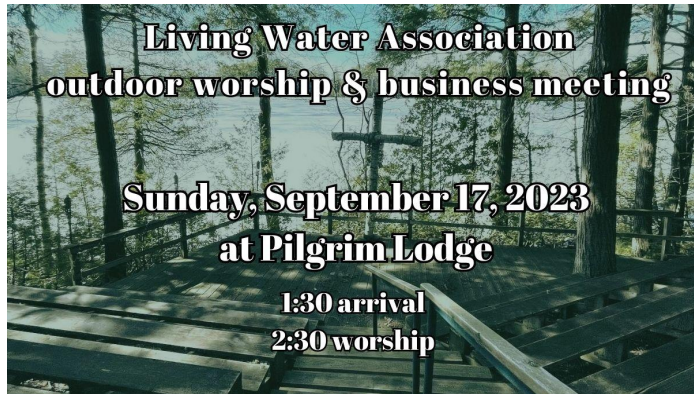



THURSDAY STORIES
Conversation & fellowship
7 PM on Zoom
reflecting on themes
from *Braiding Sweetgrass*
Reading the book is helpful
but not necessary.
(same Zoom link as Sunday Worship)



Book Club

NEXT READ
Good Omens
The Nice & Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch
by Terry Pratchett & Neil Gaiman



Living Water Association
outdoor worship & business meeting
Sunday, September 17, 2023
at Pilgrim Lodge
1:30 arrival
2:30 worship



 **MAINE CONFERENCE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SAVE THE DATE!
2023 Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference UCC
October 20th and 21st, 2023
at Pilgrim Lodge!