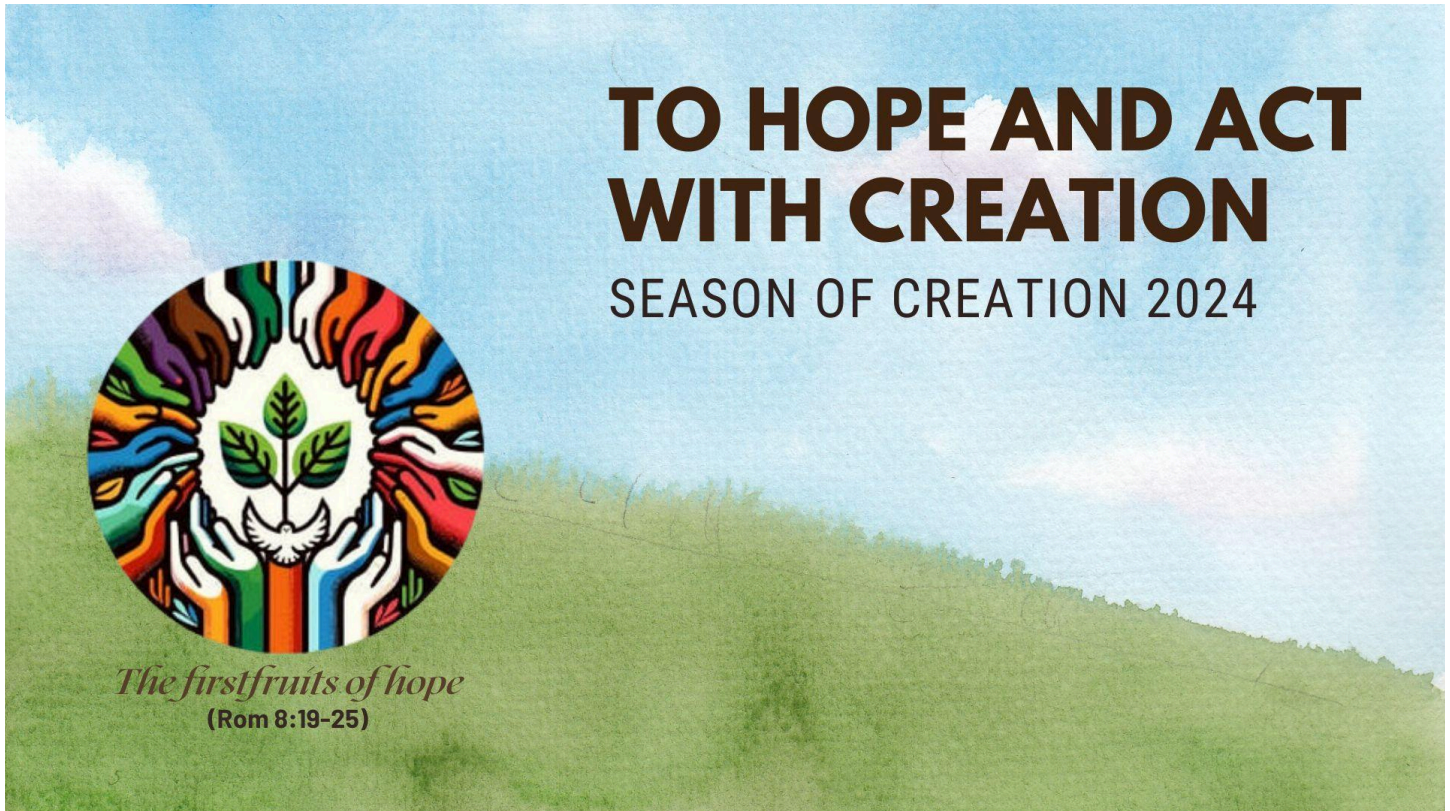


Worship Guide

Waterville United Church of Christ

September 29, 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:	6 Loads of Love 346 Essential Closet
Year to date:	5943

Welcome & Mission Statement

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

Franklin Shepherd
Arr. by Cindy Berry

Waiting & Remembering

Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all, We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection. We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us. May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the firstfruits of hope may blossom. Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image. In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Mother Earth, our Mother Birthing

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Time with Children

Earth Keeping Moment

Reciprocity: Offering

Reading

Matthew 10:5-15

These twelve Jesus sent out after giving them the following instructions: "Don't visit Gentile regions, and don't enter a Samaritan town. Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The reign of heaven has drawn near.' Heal those who are sick, raise the dead, cure leprosy, expel demons. You received freely—now freely give. Take neither gold nor silver nor copper for your money belts—no traveling bag, no change of clothes, no sandals, no walking staff—for workers deserve their keep. Look for worthy people in whatever town or village you come to, and stay with them until you leave. As you enter a house, bless it. If the home is deserving, your peace will descend on it. If it isn't, your peace will return to you. "If anyone does not receive you or listen to what you have to say, leave that house or town and, once outside it, shake its dust from your feet. The truth is, on Judgment Day it will go easier for the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah than it will for that town."

Anthem

Prayer of Saint Francis

Sebastian Temple

Sermon

Putting the Script in Scripture

Joys & Concerns

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

Blessing of the Animals

Announcements

Hymn

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

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Benediction

Postlude

Majesty

Jack Hayford

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Rev. Ian Lynch - *Pastor*
Pete Downing - *Liturgist*

David Dean - *Soloist/Pianist*
Jackie Kulik - *Deacon of the Week*

Whether joining the daily prayer check-in or attending Sunday worship via Zoom, the safest and most reliable way is to open the Zoom app on your device and enter the meeting ID and passcode listed below.

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

We remember, we grieve, we heal...together.
An Interfaith Prayer Service
Commemorating the Anniversary of the
Lewiston Mass Shooting
Tuesday, October 1, 10am, in Augusta



Take the Climate Hope Voter Pledge

"I pledge to vote as an act of hope for present and future generations."

By taking the Climate Hope Voter Pledge, you are making a sacred commitment to a more just and equitable world for people of all ages, races, and walks of life.

For online pledges, scan this QR Code:



Drawn by Charlotte, age 12, from Glenside UCC in Glenside, PA



WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- A confirmation text or email celebrating your pledge.
- A one-time reminder of your pledge during the week before Election Day.
- A chance to win one of ten Climate Hope tumblers.



NEXT SUNDAY
WORLD
COMMUNION



MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE FOR ALL

Mental health is
a universal
human
Right

"God will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth." (Isaiah 42:4)



LOVE
PEACE
JUSTICE
Together

WANT TO SHARE
THE MESSAGE?

EVERY \$10
MEANS ANOTHER SIGN



POSTPONED

Living Water Association
outdoor worship & business meeting
at Pilgrim Lodge
Sunday, October 6, 2024, 2:30 PM

