



Week 2: Collaboration

November 9, 2025

We are a progressive community of faith seeking to follow the teachings of Jesus, pursue justice and live God's love.

**No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.**



A Note for Families / Folks of All Ages: Today we begin worship together. After the Passing of the Peace, young people grades K-8 are invited to follow teachers upstairs to our one-room classroom.

There are clipboards with paper and coloring pages at the back of the sanctuary, for worshippers of any age to use during the service.

PRELUDE *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* Bach
arr. Busoni

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Rev. Alison Buttrick Patton and Rev. Stephen Savage

THRESHOLD MOMENT: **The Call To Fly**** *Lyrics for contemplation*

*In my dreams I can fly
and I soar
and my feet touch the sky
and it seems I can go anywhere if I try
and the world's not so bleak
when the clouds reflect light
If there's no hope
tell me why in my dreams I can fly*

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: The world needs to change, and that can make us want to go to our room and hide, because there is so much that needs to be done.

One: Reparations must be made. Justice must be done. That feels like a lot.
And so, we must remember that we are not called to be changemakers on our own.

ALL: We are called together.

One: We are called in community, and we are called alongside people of faith and goodwill around the world. The world needs to change, but we will not change it alone.

One: We are called together, and vested with the power of the Holy Spirit.
We are called to follow the way of Jesus.
We are the changemakers, and we are getting ready!

ALL: May we be changed by this time of worship!

*Please rise, on your feet or in your hearts.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

One: Holy One, you are a God of relationships. Hence, the Trinity!
You call us to be in relationship. You call us to be changemakers together.
But all too often, we try to make change on our own.
We say it is because the need is too urgent,
but the truth is, we don't want to take time to listen to others.
We say it is because we work best alone,
but the truth is, we don't want to give up control.
We say that we don't need other people,
but the truth is, we are just afraid to be vulnerable.

All: Forgive us.

One: For the ways in which we have failed to love others,
and in turn, to love you, we ask your forgiveness.
Forgive us for when we failed to trust.
Forgive us for when we failed to risk vulnerability.
Forgive us, and change us again.
Remake us into the Body of Christ.

**ALL: Re-member us as one community so that we, together,
can be changemakers in the world. Amen.**

PRAYERFUL PAUSE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Grateful!

Tomaszek

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy One,
Joyful in your Spirit flowing overall, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word.
Joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you!**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Rich Mead

One: Holy One, by the power of the Spirit, open our ears to your Word today.

All: May this story show us how to be compassion-driven changemakers, like Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - Lectio Divina: Mark 6:30-44 (The Message)

SERMON

"They Did It Together"

Rev. Stephen Savage

MOMENT OF CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

ANTHEM

We Are

Barnwell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father-Mother in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kin-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHANGEMAKER TESTIMONY

Tim Honey

OFFERING RITUAL: The Nest

SUNG RESPONSE

Let Us Be Makers

[sung to the tune of *Blessed Assurance*]

**Let us be makers, makers of change,
compassion and courage for each new exchange.
We pray for guidance, we seek your grace;
Discerning our gifts in this holy place.**

CLOSING HYMN

We Are Walking (Siyahambe)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you to this morning's ushers: Team C, Bill Campbell, captain.

The Mission Globe lights the altar today in loving memory of Carol Thorne, in remembrance of her birthday, from the Magnuson Family.

****The Changemakers worship series** is created and adapted with permission from www.worshipdesignstudio.com/changemakers.

Livestream: Thank you to Alex Ratta for managing our worship livestream!

WEEKLY @ FCC UCC

Tuesday Bible Study meets from 12:30 - 1:30 pm in Davidson Lounge:

Whether you are an FCC UCC member or just interested in joining in the fun, you are invited to join our weekly bible study group, to enjoy fellowship and to discuss the scripture from the past Sunday. Led by Rev. Steve Savage. All are welcome!

Meetinghouse Choir rehearses on Wednesdays, 6:15 – 8 pm. All singers are welcome. We meet in the Choir Room on the lower level of the church.

Questions? Contact choir director Deirdre McClure at dmcclure@fccucc.org.

Handbells rehearse on Wednesdays, 4:45 pm in Wright Pavilion. If you are interested in ringing in the choir or would like more information, please contact bell choir director Sharon Potter: handbells@fccucc.org.

COMING UP @ FCC UCC

Poster-Making for our October Vigil

TODAY Sunday, November 9, Wright Pavilion: Join Cindy Doucette and Jan Hamilton during Social Hour to make posters for our November 16 Vigil for LGBTQ+ justice. Bring your own ideas for signs; suggestions also available.

Giving Statements

Giving statements will be sent out during the week of November 9th - look for it in your inbox (sent from business@fccucc.org) or in your mailbox. Please take some time to review what you have given the church so far this year and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Melissa Yosua-Davis at the business office (business@fccucc.org) and she will be happy to assist you!

Fellowship Club, Tuesday, November 11, 6:15 pm, Guptill Hall (Save the date and note the change!). Lee Humiston, founder of the Maine Military Museum in South Portland, will offer a special Veteran's Day program. Make a dinner reservation (turkey dinner or vegetarian option) for \$25 by Sunday, November 9, with Carolyn Clark at carolyn.clark353@gmail.com.

November Vigil, Sunday, November 16, 11:30 am – 12 noon: Join us outside the front entrance, facing Cottage Road, as we stand in defense of LGBTQ+ justice.

Short Story Group, Sunday, November 16, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Join Pastor Steve for November's short story, "The Appropriation of Cultures" by Percival Everett. This brief, subversive, story takes a satirical approach to the topic of race. See the Weekly Word or contact Pastor Steve at steve@fccucc.org for a link to the story.

Monthly Game Night, Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Wright Pavilion: Do you like to play board games? From classics like Rack-O and Rummikub to newer options like Ticket to Ride, there's something for everyone. Questions? Contact Kathy Sahrbeck at outreach@fccucc.org.

HOLLY DAZE BAZAAR

The Annual Holly Daze Bazaar will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 9 am – 2 pm. Volunteers are needed for the following positions/days:

To sort donations: Thurs., 12/4	To set up areas: Thurs., 12/4 and Fri., 12/5
To staff areas: Sat., 12/6	To prepare brunch: Fri., 12/5 & Sat., 12/6
To tear down Bazaar: Saturday, 12/6	

Questions? Ready to lend a hand? Please contact Lynne Lanctot at lanctotla74@gmail.com

Pre-Order a Holiday Wreath: To order a wreath for pick-up on Saturday, December 6, please email Deb Sandler (dhallsandler@gmail.com) the following information: Your name, email address, phone number, and the number of wreaths you want, along with the following details for each wreath ordered.

Wreath only: \$20	Wreath with bow: \$25
Wreath with bow, cones, berries: \$30	Wreath, bow, holiday decorations: \$35
Bow: Red or Holiday theme	Any special notation

Holly Daze Jewelry Donations: We are welcoming donations for the jewelry committee in November. Please drop off at the church office – the earlier the better – so we can sort and price. Thank you. – Sue Mithcell and Kathy Blake.

MISSION AND SOCIAL WITNESS

Clynk Bags are in the narthex (inside main entrance). Collect your returnable cans and bottles and return them to a Clynk collection site at Hannaford or other participating grocery stores. Scan the code on the bags and the refunds will automatically be donated to our FCC mission team. *Thank you!*

Volunteer for Preble Street Food Hub: On the last Friday of each month, we prepare meals at the Food Hub, 75 Darling Avenue, South Portland, for delivery to Preble Street satellite sites. Please join us! To learn more about how to volunteer, see the Weekly Word or contact Danna Wiggins at dannawig2@gmail.com

FCCUCC is not scheduled to volunteer at Preble Street on Friday, November 28

On Friday December 26, the day after Christmas, 5 volunteers are needed to fill the FCCUCC shift from 11:30 - 2:30.

THE WIDER COMMUNITY

GOSPEL MESSIAH: A REFUGEE ORATORIO

**Friday, November 14 (7:00 pm), Saturday, November 15 (2:00 pm and 7:00 pm)
Sunday, November 16 (4:00 p.m.)**

Talk-back with performers on Saturday, Nov. 15 after the evening show at 8:30pm

Portland and Los Angeles-based arranger/organist Jack Maebby, with support from theatrical director Carol Tanzman, reimagines The Messiah, Handel's masterpiece, as a secular gospel music oratorio from the lens of immigrants and refugees in crisis zones. By using the experiences and talents of local refugee students and adults, as well as musicians and singers conversant with gospel music, the program aims to present an inclusive vision of the immigrant/refugee journey that is also an enlightening and dynamic musical experience.

The project will be produced and performed at The Hill Arts. For more information and/or tickets, visit <https://www.thehillarts.me/events>

Weekly Multi-Faith Vigil outside the Cumberland County Detention Center, at the corner of Congress and County Way, every Wednesday from 2:45 – 3:15 pm
Community faith leaders will host these vigils to lament the harm inflicted on all those caught up in the immigration system, and to affirm the God-belovedness of all people. Each gathering may include songs, silence, prayer or other spiritual practices to honor the sacred worth of all people, and to hold up everyone involved - those detained, officers, and our entire community.

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Sitting with Loved Ones

*Have you ever wished you were a better listener?
Or wondered how to help someone grieving?*

Join Pastor Steve after worship in Davidson Lounge for a three-part series that will help! Explore ideas and practices connected with visiting folks in their homes. Learn useful skills and considerations for being a Lay Visitor or for additional support as a caregiver.

November 9 Sitting with Grief

November 23 Tips for Visiting

Email Pastor Steve at steve@fccucc.org with any questions.

****Please note that participation in these sessions does not require a commitment to become a lay visitor.****

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WHAT'S UP?

Want to stay in the loop? Make sure you are on our email list! To UPDATE or ADD your contact info, go to: fccucc.org and select "Contact Us" then select "Contact Info Update Form."

