



Everything in Common June 28, 2026

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: During the summer, we do not have church school, but young people are encouraged to check our narthex during the service for simple crafts or activities.

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

PRELUDE

Waltz No. 2, Quick with Wit

Benjamin Britten

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

THRESHOLD MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Come, all you people! Come from east and west, north and south!

All: We come across bridges and along streets; we come by car, by bike, and by foot!

One: Come! We are delighted that you are here!

All: We are here to sing and pray, wonder and give thanks; we come to love and laugh and forge our common life.

One: Together, let us worship the God who weaves us into one.

***OPENING HYMN**

Spirit of Love

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PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS **

One: Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:
Hear our prayer.

**All: There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You.**

We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,

For fear of admitting our part in the separation,

For fear of being rejected when we reach out.

You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,

To a wholeness with each other and with You.

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations

Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERFUL PAUSE

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

SUNG WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Libby Roderick

**How could anyone ever tell you, you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you, you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle,
How deeply you're connected to my soul?**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Shine, Jesus, Shine (Refrain)

Graham Kendrick

Shine, Jesus, shine

Flow, river, flow

Fill this land with your

Flood the nations with

love and justice!

grace and mercy.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze

Send forth your Word, God

Set our hearts on fire!

And let there be life!

SACRED PLAY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Grew

One: God of love and justice, as we read these ancient texts,

All: **Spark our curiosity and spur us to greater acts of care and courage.**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:32-35

SERMON

Everything in Common

Rev. Alison J. Buttrick Patton

MOMENT OF CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

ANTHEM

I Won't Back Down

Tom Petty and Jeff Lynne

Walter Kimball, bass

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father-Mother in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kin-dom come;
Your 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 Yours is the kin-dom and the
power and the glory forever. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema

Lord, listen to your children praying

Lord send your Spirit in this place

Lord, listen to your children praying

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Carolyn Clark

Rosemarie Smith

FCC UCC MISSION COMMITMENTS (in unison)

One: Together we seek...

All: To *worship* God as made known in the Scriptures, as revealed in Jesus Christ, and as encountered through the Holy Spirit;

to *serve* our members, our community and our world, working in faithful witness toward justice and peace for all people;

to *educate* people of all ages toward a deeper understanding of their individual faith pilgrimage, their relationships with others, and their responsibilities as stewards of God's created order;

and to *grow* in fellowship as the Body of Christ, inviting others to share in the Good News of God's love.

OFFERING INVITATION

Help us to live God's love and justice. You can make a secure gift by using the QR code, by going to fccucc.org and clicking on "Donate," or by adding your contribution to the box at the back of the sanctuary.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE

BLESSING OUR GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN

This Land is Your Land

Woody Guthrie

This land is your land, this land is my land

From California to the New York island,

From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters;

This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway

I saw above me that endless skyway;

I saw below me that golden valley;
This land was made for you and me.
I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;
And all around me a voice was sounding;
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking I saw a sign there,
And on the sign it said "No Trespassing."
But on the other side it didn't say nothing.
That side was made for you and me.

In the shadow of the steeple I saw my people,
By the relief office I seen my people;
As they stood there hungry, I stood there asking
Is this land made for you and me?

Nobody living can ever stop us,
As we go walking that freedom highway;
Nobody living can ever make us turn back
This land was made for you and me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen,
Arr. Mark Hayes

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WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you to this morning's ushers: Team E, Rich Armstrong, captain.

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

The flowers on the altar are from Heather Payson in celebration of nieces Olivia, Catherine, Payney, and nephew Johnny.

****Adapted from liturgy** written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Rosemarie Smith moved from North Yarmouth where she had lived for the last 25 years and raised her two young adult sons. She was previously a member of the North Yarmouth Congregational Church and a seasonal member of their choir. She and her husband Hank downsized last summer, moving back to the South Portland home he owned prior to their marriage. Rosemarie loves being able to walk everywhere now, including to church, and enjoys her much shorter commute to work at Maine Med. Rosemarie loves swimming, cycling, gardening, and many winter sports.

Carolyn Clark: Carolyn returned to South Portland several years ago after living in Windham for many years. She attended FCC as a teenager, was married in the chapel here and looks forward to being part of the FCC community again. She has two adult children and enjoys spending her time with family, friends and activities that bring her joy.

WEEKLY @ FCCUCC

Bible Study every Tuesday, 12:30 - 1:30 pm in Davidson Lounge: Explore the scripture from the past Sunday, led by Rev. Steve Savage.

Prayer Shawls, every Wednesday, 1 - 3 pm, Summer location changes weekly: Text Lynne Lanctot at 318-1605 by Tuesday evening for location. New and experienced knitters welcome. Bring needles size 9, 10, or 11, and your own yarn, or check out the church yarn supply. Questions? Lynne: lanctotla74@gmail.com.

Meetinghouse Choir and Handbell Choir are on summer break. They will resume rehearsals at the end of August.

COMING UP @ FCC UCC

TODAY: New Member Sunday, June 28: Join us as we welcome new members during worship. Curious about joining FCCUCC? See Pastor Alison if you would like to learn more: revalisonpatton@fccucc.org .

TODAY: Lemonade on the Porch *and* Vigil, Sunday, June 28: Join us on the weekend before 4th of July for a festive social hour and vigil on our front steps. We will honor and defend the rights of immigrants who helped to build this country.

TODAY: Book Group, Sunday, June 28, 11:45 am – 12:45 pm: Join FCCUCC member Chuck Warner and Rev. Steve Savage to discuss *A Prayer for the Crown Shy*, by Becky Chambers.

The Men’s Seekers Group, Saturday, July 11, 8 am: Join them for breakfast in the Wright Pavilion. All those who identify with the male gender are welcome.

FCC On the Town, Thursday, July 16, We have tickets for “Singin’ in the Rain” at Hackmatack Playhouse for a 2:00 pm matinee on Thursday, July 16. Tickets for those 65 and older are \$40, and \$45 for younger folks. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Kathy Sahrbeck at kathrynsme@yahoo.com or 415-0170.

Parents of Adult Children, Friday, August 7, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

All parents of adult children (over 18 years old) are welcome to join us at the next meeting on at the home of Carol Zechman, 46 Mitchell Rd, South Portland. A relaxed, supportive, safe, and confidential space to share and listen to each others' joys and concerns at this stage of parenting. Potluck snacks, drinks provided.

MISSION AND SOCIAL WITNESS

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.

IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

BTS Center's Summer Fiction Book Club discusses *There are Rivers in the Sky*, by Elif Shafak, Thursday, July 23, 11:30 am – 1 pm on Zoom: “From the Booker Prize finalist, author of *The Island of Missing Trees*, an enchanting new tale about three characters living along two great rivers, all connected by a single drop of water. Check out Book Club details at <https://thebtscenter.org/fiction/>.

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To Place Your Order: Choose from unisex sizes from XS to 4XL for \$30 per shirt by **July 31**, and we'll share the date for you to pick up, pay, and boldly share God's love and justice! Just go to:

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