



Let the
Church
Shine!

How we are Remembered Communion Sunday June 7, 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: Today we begin worship together. After the Time for All God's Children, 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

Nocturne No. 8 in G major

Francis Poulenc

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

THRESHOLD MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: This day is a gift from God;

All: A day to reflect, to offer thanks, to seek the good.

One: This time is a pause from the fever of life;

All: A time to be with one another, knit into community by God.

One: This hour is our chance to remember and to dream.

All: So let us sing, and listen, and pray, and feast!

One: Today, let us be God's Church.

All: So that tomorrow we can be God's Church in the world!

***OPENING HYMN**

Here in This Place

No. 250

Revised Verse 3:

Here we receive new life in your waters;

Here we receive the bread of new birth.

**Here you shall call *your manifold children*,
call us anew to be salt of the earth...**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS***

Holy One: You call us into this place to forge collective hope and healing. When we resist the invitation to embrace new life, when fear or selfishness get in our way, forgive us. Call us out of the tombs of our affliction and into your brand new day, where there is no more keeping down or holding back or passing over any person, but in the fullness of Your justice, all are one in You.

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 Only)

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!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

AnnElissa Leveque

One: God of life-renewing power, as we read these ancient texts,

All: **Harness our attention, spark our curiosity, and ignite our desire to radiate enough love and justice to restore your world.**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:36-43

SERMON

How We Are Remembered

Rev. Alison J. Buttrick Patton

MOMENT OF CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

IN MEMORY

James Dyer

William Brownell

James Moody

Frank Morong

Peter Rummery

Richard Ingalls

Gerard Onos

Shirley Curry

Cheryl (Tupper) Barter

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Robert Lowry /Arr. Timothy Shaw

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

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION[‡]

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

One: Generous Love, we remember the way Jesus witnessed to your justice, shared your mercy, told the truth, and risked everything for it. We remember his terrible death and his indestructible new life.

All: We remember that he called us to follow him.

One: We remember all his precious siblings, living and dead, whom he has made our siblings, too, and all whose lives cry out for justice and hope. They are present here: we embrace them, never forgetting.

All: We remember the glory and the pain, the harm and the healing, our costly faithfulness and our timid failings.

One: Asking for your mercy, and confident of your love, we come now to eat the meal that strengthens our bonds of affection and our ties of accountability: bread and body, cup and poured out life...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father-Mother 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Story is Told

The Gifts are Blessed

***The Meal is Shared**

You are invited to come forward by the center aisle to receive communion. All bread is gluten free. The juice is non-alcoholic. There are pre-wrapped communion elements for those who prefer, on the communion table.

Communion Anthem

Recollection

Timothy Waugh

Ring for Joy Handbell Choir and Andrew Sawyer, cellist

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ in Every Heart, for this moment, this meal, this gathering, we give you thanks! Now, send us out to be your Church in the world, living the love and justice of Jesus. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

Spiritual

Ring for Joy Handbell Choir

/arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

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WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you to this morning's ushers: Team B, Peggy Murray, captain.

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

The flowers on the altar are given in loving remembrance of Bryan Wiggins' mother, Beverlee Wiggins Redding, and Danna Wiggins' Aunt, Jeanne Renderer.

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WEEKLY @ FCCUCC

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

Meetinghouse Choir will be off for the summer beginning the week of June 8. Rehearsals will resume in late August. Questions? Contact choir director Deirdre McClure at dmclure@fccucc.org.

Ring for Joy Handbell Choir will be off for the summer beginning the week of June 8. Rehearsals will resume in late August. For information about the handbell choir please contact director Sharon Potter at handbells@fccucc.org.

Prayer Shawls, every Wednesday, 1 - 3 pm in Davidson Lounge: 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.

Fancy Fair Crafters, Thursdays, 5 - 7 pm in the 5th floor crafting room on June 4, June 11, and June 18 and a Saturday workshop on June 27 from 10 am until 3 pm. Materials and instruction provided, questions: Gin Gedney, 207-318-1581.

COMING UP @ FCC UCC

TODAY! Church Lunch and Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 7, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm: Join us after worship for this annual gathering. Reflect on the past year, elect our leaders and learn what's been cooking at FCCUCC. Don't miss it!

Men's Seekers Fellowship Group, Saturday, June 13, 8 am in Wright Pavilion: We will continue our round table discussion of our faith, lives, and what is important to us using the card game, *Vertelles*. Anyone identifying with the male gender is welcome. Join us for a tasty breakfast, good fellowship and discussion.

Understanding Gender and Sexuality Workshop Series, one more Tuesday, June 16, 6 pm - 8 pm: Educator Christine Caulfield draws on the fields of biology, history and social science in this content-rich course. Want to attend the last class? RSVP Pastor Alison at revalisonpatton@fccucc.org

Game Night, Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 pm, Wright Pavilion: The rumor is that cookies are now served and you can still play whatever game you prefer. We would love to have you play games with us. All are welcome, even if you don't know how to play! Questions? Contact Kathy Sahrbeck: kathrynsme@yahoo.com

Pride Parade, Saturday, June 20, 11:30 am parade start. Details on back page.

NEW DATE: Women's Spirit Circle, Tuesday, June 23, 7-8:30 pm, Community Room: Welcoming space for connection, reflection, and shared joy. All women, including LGBTQIA+ participants, are warmly invited. Nancy Brajtbord: nancy.brajtbord@gmail.com; Pat Thatcher: pat.thatcher123@gmail.com

FCC On the Town, Thursday, June 25, Lady Mary Inn Tea Room, North Berwick: We will leave the church at 10:00 am for High Tea. Please RSVP by June 15 to Kathy Sahrbeck at 415-0170 or kathrynsme@yahoo.com. \$45 per person. If cost is a barrier, contact Pastor Alison for assistance. We'd love to have you!

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 .

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 the immigrants who helped to build this country.

Book Group, Sunday, June 28, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Join FCCUCC member Chuck Warner and Pastor Steve to discuss *A Prayer for the Crown Shy*, Becky Chambers.

MISSION AND SOCIAL WITNESS

Children's Clothes Closet is now open to the public!

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11 am - 1 pm • 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 12 pm - 2 pm

Interested in volunteering? Contact the office at revalisonpatton@fccucc.org. Messages will be passed on to Clothes Closet Coordinator, AnnElissa Leveque.

Clothing Donations:

- 1. Clean, wearable children's clothes of all sizes (including teens)** can be dropped off on the 5th floor, in the Children's Clothes Closet donation bin just inside the lefthand door.
- 2. Adult clothes, shoes and accessories, both wearable *and* unwearable,** can now be deposited in the *Apparel Impact* Bin in the main parking lot. Upcycle and recycle to keep clothes out of our landfills! www.apparelimpact.com/.

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

The Malaga Ship at the Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, ME, Wednesday, June 10: Beginning at 4 pm, guests are invited to enjoy free admission to Maine Maritime Museum's exhibits, including *Re/Sounding*, a powerful new exhibition centering Indigenous and Black perspectives on Maine's maritime past. Live performance of *The Malaga Ship* begins at 5 pm, with panel discussion to follow. 3 pm carpool (for those who want to see the exhibit). Return about 8:30 pm. Contact revalisonpatton@fccucc.org to join the carpool.



Parade and Festival ***Saturday June 20, 2026***

FCCUCC is excited to participate again in the Portland Maine Pride Parade and Festival! March with FCCUCC members and friends, and others from our Greater Portland multi-faith community, in celebration of the LGBTQ+ community.

10:30 am: Marchers Convene
at Monument Square

11:30 am: Parade Begins and Processes
to Deering Oaks Park

12 - 4 pm: Festival Table Staff Needed:
Contact Walter Kimball
whkimball77@gmail.com
or call the church office

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