

# All My Days

A Summer Worship Series on Prayer



## Presence July 12, 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 the narthex (entryway) 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**

*Passacaglia*

Georg Friedrich Händel,  
Arr. Johan Halvorsen

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**THRESHOLD MOMENT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As we let out our breath and settle our shoulders:  
Holy One, help us to arrive in this place.

**All: We gather in search of company.**

**We hear you say, "I am present with you."**

One: Teacher Jesus, show us, again, how to pray together.

**All: We hear you say, "I am present with you."**

One: Spirit of Divine Love, move among us and give us peace.

**All: We hear you say, "I am present with you."**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Bring Many Names*

No. 6

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**Abba-Amma God, You answer to so many names. You are both Companion and Mystery, the God we have known, and God beyond our knowing. When we hold you too tight, assuming that our way of knowing you is the *only* way of knowing you, forgive us. Expand our gaze to include those who call you by other names. And when the God-names we have inherited keep us from connecting with you, help us to find new names that speak of our longing for you. Amen.**

**PRAYERFUL PAUSE**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**\*SUNG RESPONSE** *Peace Like a River* African American Spiritual 𐄂

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (Repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain...  
I've got love like an ocean...

## SACRED PLAY

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carrie Skeffington

One: This is the story of God's journey with God's people - including all of us.

**All: Open our hearts to receive and our lives to be expanded by what we hear.**

**SCRIPTURE** Romans 8:15-17a *and* Mark 14: 35-36 Common English Bible trans.

**SERMON** "Abba-God, who art in heaven..." Rev. Alison J. Buttrick Patton

## MOMENT OF CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

### ANTHEM

*Songs Without Words*

Felix Mendelssohn

Andrew Sawyer, Cello *in D Major for Cello and Piano*

## 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

*Open My Eyes*

Manibusan/Zaragoza

Open my eyes, Love, Help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, Love. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Love. Help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Love. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Love. Help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Love. Help me to love.

I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love.

I live within you. Rest now in me.

## OFFERING INVITATION

Help us to live God's love and justice. You can make a secure gift by scanning the QR code, by going to [fccucc.org](http://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

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF BLESSING for THE MISSION TRIP TEAM

Jill Saxby

One: As you travel to Cherryfield this week, to participate in a ministry of labor and love with Maine Seacoast Mission, know that we will be praying for you.

**All: May the work of your hands, the words of your mouth, and the gift of your time and energy be received by those you meet, as outward signs of God's self-giving love.**

One: In addition to what you build with your hands this week, may you also build kind and caring relationships with each other, and with those you serve.

**All: May your week be filled with joy and laughter, giving and receiving, learning and renewal. May your labors add to the storehouse of hope for our Cherryfield neighbors, and may you learn from them in return.**

One: Beloved friends, we send you forth with this commission, and with the tools of our community: faith, hope and love. As you go and as you return, may you be held in the palm of God's hand.

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Abide With Me*

Lyte/Monk

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide!  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if thou abide with me.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Trad. arr. Joel Raney

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**Thank you** to this morning's ushers: Team I, Richard Parker, captain.

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

**The flowers on the altar** are from Judy & Walter Kimball in loving remembrance of their friend, Keith O'Blenis.

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☞ **Royalty for Spirituals:** Historically, the composers of African American Spirituals were neither known nor compensated for use of their songs. The FCCUCC music department has committed to paying forward a 'royalty' each time we include a Spiritual in worship. We donate funds to the **Indigo Arts Alliance**. Join us: you can donate by check or online, with "Royalty for Spirituals" in the memo. Thank you.

## WEEKLY @ FCCUCC

**NO Bible Study, Tuesday, July 14**, while Rev. Steve Savage is away. Join him on Tuesday, July 21, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm in Davidson Lounge.

**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](mailto:lanctotla74@gmail.com).

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

## COMING UP @ FCCUCC

**The Women's Spirit Circle, Monday, July 14, 7:00 pm:** Join for a relaxed summer evening around the fire pit at Nancy's home, 67 Wood Road, Cape Elizabeth. No set agenda-just free-flowing conversation: [nancy.brajtbord@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.brajtbord@gmail.com)

**FCC On the Town, Thursday, July 16,** We have tickets for “Singin’ in the Rain” at Hackmatack Playhouse in Berwick for a 2:00 pm matinee 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](mailto: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 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**

**Children’s Clothes Closet is now open to the public!**

- Second and fourth Wednesdays, 11 am - 1 pm
- Second and fourth Saturdays, 12 pm - 2 pm

If you are interested in volunteering, contact AnnElissa Leveque or Pastor Steve at [steve@fccucc.org](mailto:steve@fccucc.org).

**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 left-hand 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! Learn more: <https://www.apparelimpact.com/>.

**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](mailto:dannawig2@gmail.com).

## 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/>.

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

Rev. Steve Savage, Associate Pastor, will be away on vacation:

- July 6 - July 19, back in the office on Monday, July 20.

Rev. Alison Buttrick Patton, Senior Pastor, will be away for the following:

- FCCUCC Mission Trip to Cherryfield, ME: after church on Sunday, July 12 - Friday, July 17
- Justice Camp at Pilgrim Lodge, Saturday, July 18 - Saturday, July 25
- Vacation: Monday, August 3 - Monday, August 24.

Tom Conlon, Building Manager, will be on vacation, July 13-18.

Melissa Yosua-Davis, Business Manager, will be in the office Monday and Wednesday.

**During the week of July 13-18**, when both clergy are away, please leave messages at 207-799-3361 with pastoral needs. Messages will be checked daily.

### Office Hours, July 13-17:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 10 am – 3 pm

Thursday, Friday: CLOSED.

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Now you can share your love for FCCUCC, thanks to FCC member Bryan Wiggins, who created a colorful design and found an environmentally sustainable company to bring us this lightweight, durable heather gray, 100% organic cotton shirt!



**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:

<https://tinyurl.com/2d6f2r69> OR scan the QR code:

