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*Come with hope or despair, expectation, or disappointment,
and seek God even as God seeks you.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION**

July 7, 2024

10 a.m.

*Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available—
please ask an usher if you require them.*

Thank you for turning off electronic devices before worship begins.

**Please stand if you are able.*

RINGING THE BELL

9:45 a.m.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

*Higher Ground
Meditation on Joy*

**Gabriel
arr. Parker**

WELCOME

INTROIT

The Sun is on the Sea and Shore

Bain

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God.

All: For God has made us and the earth that nurtures us.

One: Let us gather together in gratitude to one another.

All: For we are the bearers of divine blessing for the earth and its people.

One: Offer your lives to the living God. Celebrate the presence of God in our midst.

All: Let us praise God; let us join hands; let us reach out in care and courage so that the goodness of life may be for all God's children. Amen.

*HYMN

Sweet hour of prayer!

570

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

Holy God, we come full of our own personal experiences from the past week to join in common worship and mutual care. Help us to bear one another's burdens, pray for one another's concerns and see with a new and clear perspective through the lens of scripture and tradition. Give us faith in your compassion, hope in your future and love for all your children. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Gabriel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O God, as the Scriptures are read and the gospel proclaimed, open our ears to hear your Word, open our eyes to see your truth, and open our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Ezekiel 2:1-5

pew Bible p.728 OT

Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

pew Bible p.35 NT

SERMON **A Savior Who Delegates & Makes Disciples** Rev. Bowie

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries: Jay, Lyle, Peggy,
Christopher, Becky & Andy

Response

In This Time

Sivis

HOLY COMMUNION

*Hymn

Let us break bread together

425

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us open our hearts.

All: We open them to our God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

All: It is right to lift up thanks and praise.

Preface

Sanctus (unison)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Consecration

(Communion liturgy continued next page →)

Words of Institution & Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God of abundance and mercy, we give joyful thanks for your eternal love and healing presence in our celebration of bread and cup. Bless this body of Christ that we may attend faithfully to our call to be your servants, with each other and throughout the world. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES (*Mail to PO Box 12, Ellsworth, 04605*)

OFFERTORY *I Believe* Drake, Graham, Shirl, Stillman

*DOXOLOGY 46

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN *Be thou my vision* 595

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (all) *Shalom to You Now* trad.

POSTLUDE *Nettleton* arr. Lasky

Lynn Hall, *Organist*

Steve Merchant, *Liturgist*

Leita Zeugner, *Soloist*

Rev. Keith Bowie, *Transitional Minister*

Cindy & Charlie Sargent, *Ushers*

Lois Stevens, *Greeter*

Steve Merchant, *July Deacon*

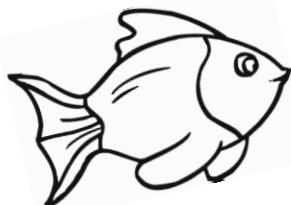
Ruth & Troy Tainter, *Facebook, WDEA & Zoom*

MASKING IS OPTIONAL IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.
We suggest physical distancing. Thank you for respecting the space of those who choose to mask.



H a d d o c k S u p p e r

Saturday, July 27, 2024
Serving 5:00 to 6:30 pm



Baked haddock, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, salad, rolls, homemade pies, and beverages (coffee, tea, lemonade)

\$10 per person

\$25 per family (2 adults, 2 children)

THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 100 MEALS ON JULY 3.

Serving Wednesdays 2:30 - 4 p.m., take-out only

WELCOME TABLE, our free community meal, serves take-out only.

Please call the church on Wednesdays **before noon**, 667-8321, to reserve a meal. Donations always gratefully received.

Our purpose,
First Congregational Church, UCC, Ellsworth, Maine:
To embrace the life, ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ
In meaningful and dynamic ways through
creative worship,
supportive fellowship,
compassionate outreach, and
stimulating Christian education for all ages;
To be a faithful community which, led by the Holy Spirit,
expresses hospitality,
nurtures spiritual growth, and
promotes a deep sense of belonging;
To strive to build on commonalities while seeking to
understand, accept, and
celebrate our differences;
To stand as a beacon of hope in a hurting and troubled world by
sharing the Good News of the Gospel, and
practicing God's love as embodied by Jesus Christ.
We welcome all to walk with us on the journey of faith.

As adopted by the Congregation at its Annual Meeting – January 22, 2012