

FIRST CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers	All of Us
Senior Pastor	Rev. Emily C. Goodnow
Associate Pastor	Lisa M. Burger
C.E. Coordinator	Sandy Wissmann
Sr. Choir Director, Organist	Jeremy Hill
Jr. Choir Director	Judy Harrison
Sunday School Teachers	N/A at this time
Moderator	Anne Butter
Treasurer	Karla Swanson-Murphy
Trustee of the Month	John Schoenfeld
Deacon of the Week	Price Hutchins
Greeters	Johnsen Family: Carl, Nikki, Tyler, Brianne, Haley
Office Manager	TBD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Emily on Study Leave
Rev. Emily will be away July 26 - August 2 on a meditation and study retreat at the Alcyon Center followed by the delightful honor of officiating the wedding of one of her dearest friends. Emily will have little access to phone and email during this time. Pastor Lisa will be leading us during this week, and is preaching on Sunday, August 1. If you need to be in touch with Pastor Lisa during this time, please email her at AssociatePastor@Bridgtonucc.org, or call her at (207) 890-4318.

Ladies Guild Pie Sale
Do you love to bake? Sign up to bake with link in weekly email, or contact Dodie Henning if you would like to bake a pie.
Do you love to eat pie?
This sale is for you! Saturday, August 21, from 9 am to noon.

New Members Classes
Do you love it here? Are you interested in becoming a member? Our next New Members classes are on September 14 and 21, with new members joining in worship on Sept 26. We'd love to formally welcome you to the First Church family!

Church office is open 9 am - 12 pm,
Tuesday & Wednesday
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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Congregational responses are in bold,
• means "please rise in body or spirit."
July 25, 2021 | Order of Worship

Prelude St. Thomas | Williams
Jeremy Hill

Welcome Deacon Price Hutchins

• **Anthem** I'm Surrounded | the Rev. Mia McLain
Please refrain from singing, and enjoy the music of our Virtual Choir

We Pass the Peace of Christ

Litany of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson, Associate
General Minister for Wider Church Ministries and
Operations

Rev. Traci Blackmon, Associate General Minister
of Justice & Local Church Ministries

Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer, General Minister and
President



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, July 25
Worship, 10 am

Tuesday, July 27
Jeanette's Closet, 9 am to 11am
Staff meeting, 9:30 am

Next Sunday, August 1
Worship, 10 am

We are currently without an office manager. During this time, the office will be open periodically throughout the week. Please check the weekly email to see when the office will be open in the upcoming week.

We Sound the Bell

Celebration of Gratitude

*"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough."
(Meister Eckhart)*

As we name the abundant blessings of our lives (anniversaries, birthdays, clean-and-sober milestones, and many more!), we offer a gratitude gift in any amount, so that the blessings we have received from God may be multiplied and shared with all who long to experience God's extravagant welcome in this church and beyond.

Message for all Children of God

Go now in peace, go now in peace
May the love of God surround you!
Everywhere, everywhere you may go

Sharing Our Sacred Story

Reader: Friends, hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

John 6:1-21

Common English Bible Translation

Reader: This is the story of life for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Rev. Emily C. Goodnow

- Hymn

How Great Thou Art

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Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

An Offering of Love and Promise

Prayer of Dedication

Loving and Holy God, we ask that You would pour out Your blessing on this offering today. Guide us to be Your disciples, and use these gifts to bless our church, community, and world with...

We call out words of blessing like “joy, kindness, peace, justice”

Alleluia! And amen.

Benediction

Postlude

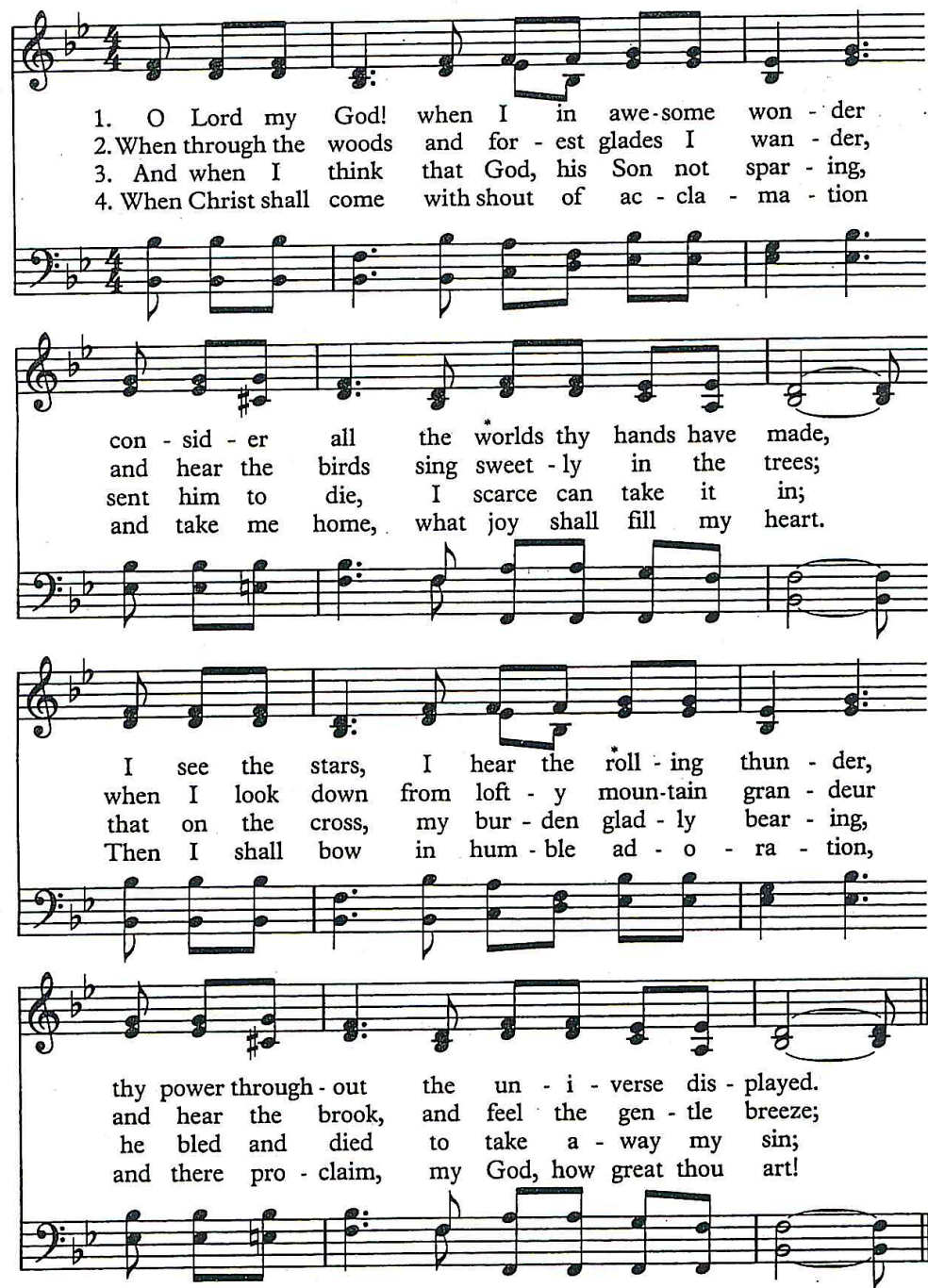
Promised Land | McIntosh
Jeremy Hill

Service Credits

Litany of Welcome is written and led by the Officers of the United Church of Christ, and "I'm Surrounded" was written and sung by the Rev. Mia McClain; both were part of the worship services at the UCC's 33 General Synod, which took place last week.



How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,
 when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur
 that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,

thy power through-out the un-i-verse dis-played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to thee;
 how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my
 soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

*Authors's original words are "works" and "mighty."

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Irr. with Refrain