



Second Sunday after Pentecost
Congregational responses are in bold,
• means "please rise in body or spirit."
June 22, 2025 | Order of Worship

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This Sunday, June 22

- Trustees Meeting, CE-1 and on zoom, 8 am
- Emily available in the parlor for pride service questions/conversation, 9 am
- Worship, 10 am, Rev. Emily preaching
- Snack & Chat, 11:30 am
- Council Meeting, parlor, 11:30 am
- New Members Meeting, 2 pm

Prelude

Oren Varess (they/them)

Welcome

Deacon Sharon Libbey (she/her)

Call to Worship

Written by Thom Shuman

Led by Deacon Sharon Libbey (she/her)

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know . . .

we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Be still and know that God is

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

Tuesday, June 24

- Jeanette's Closet, 9 - 11 am
- Tiny Tots, 9 - 10 am
- Staff Meeting, parlor, 10:30 am
- CUKES Rehearsal, 2 pm

Wednesday, June 25

- Bible Study with Rev. Emily, parlor, 10 am, text is Luke 10:25-37. (yes! We said we'd only meet the second Wednesday of the month this summer, but then we all missed it. So we're adding some meetings back in. Next meeting after this is July 9.)

We Pass the Peace of Christ

• VBC Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!

3. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!

Next Sunday, June 29

- Pride Service, 10 am, Rev. Emily leading and leaders from our church family sharing testimonies
- Snack & Chat, 11:30 am
- Grant Advisory Team Meeting, 12 pm

A Message for all Children of God

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.

Children in grade 5 and younger are invited to join our children's ministry leaders downstairs

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

We Sound the Bell

Anthem

Kingdom of Jesus, Porter's Gate | Jon Guerra and Isaac Wardell
Sung by Cassie Cooper-Ricci (they/them)

Sharing Our Sacred Story

Read by Kim Howlett-Phillips (she/her)

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

- Luke 8:26-39

Inclusive 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 (she/her)

• Hymn

Lift Every Voice & Sing
No. 593 in the Black Hymnal

Sung Prayers of the People

Plowshare Prayer | Spencer LaJoye
Sung by Cassie Cooper-Ricci (they/them)

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

Deacon Sharon Libbey (she/her)

Offertory Music

Oren Varess (they/them)

•Words of Thanksgiving

**Praise God, from whom blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that Love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

**Loving and Holy God, we ask that You would pour out Your blessing on this offering today.
Guide us in Your way and use these gifts to make our church and our world even more:**
We call out words like “joyful, kind, just” to bless our church and world

Benediction

Postlude

Oren Varess (they/them)

Service Credits:

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lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com.*

First Church Ministry Leaders

Ministers

All of Us

Senior Pastor

Rev. Emily C. Goodnow (*she/her*)

Minister for Intergenerational Innovation

Pastor Spencer Law (*he/him*)

C.E. Coordinator

Sandy Wissmann (*she/her*)

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Deborah Owen (*she/her*)

Organist & Pianist

Oren Varess (*they/them*)

Youth Choir Director

Cassie Cooper-Ricci (*they/them*)

Office Manager

Kylie Morel (*she/her*)

Co-Moderators

Rosemary Wiser (*she/her*)

Marita Wiser (*she/her*)

Treasurer - Asst. Treasurer

Peter Clark (*he/him*)

Gail McBride (*she/her*)

Trustee of the Week

Lorri Rodgers (*she/her*)

Deacon of the Week

Sharon Libbey (*she/her*)

Greeters-Hospitality

Pete Oberg, Glen Jukkola, Pam King

Childcare Leaders

Edna & Jessica Engstrom

Announcements

With gratitude for the gift of vacation, Emily will be away June 30 - July 7 and Kylie will be away July 2-7. This means the office will be closed July 2-7. We will have a clergy person on call for pastoral needs, and we will resolve other business after the holiday!

Vacation Bible Camp Thanks!

A big THANK YOU to all who helped with VBC this week! From volunteering to donations, VBC wouldn't be possible without all your amazing support. Thank you!

New Members Meeting

Interested in joining First Church as a member? Check out our next new member gathering session today at 2 pm!

First Church joins the Bridgton/Denmark Pride celebration

Join us 12-4pm at Denmark's Bicentennial Park on June 28. Emily and other leaders in our church will be there with a table with bubbles, stickers, face painting and more to share. Wear church tshirts or rainbow anything and come celebrate the holy truth that God made all people unique and calls us all beloved

Western Maine Children's Ministry Hub Website!

Have you had a chance yet to check out the digital home of the WMCMH? In the coming months and years, this website will expand to house materials we will create and gather through the work of the Hub! We're happy to report that the keynote address from the Rev. Dr. Dave Csinos, delivered during our Diving Deep weekend, is now up on the website! See the weekly email, the church website, or the QR code on the bulletin board downstairs to access!

Adopt A Backpack Missions Project

We will be collecting items identified by our schools to fill backpacks for the next school year. Take a leaf from our giving tree and bring the item(s) requested into church. There will be a labeled collection box in the foyer. Thank you all for all you do for this community!

Church office is open 9 am - 12 pm, Mon-Fri
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June 1st, Worship Debrief

We had an amazing worship service led by the Rev. Dr. Dave Csinos on June 1! We want to know your thoughts specifically about worship, & what you'd like to see again, or maybe not see again, what felt holy to you and brought you closer to God? Thank you for taking the time to fill this out, we appreciate your honest feedback!

1. What was most meaningful to you?

2. What was less meaningful to you?

3. Where did you connect with God the most in worship?

4. What could have made worship even more meaningful for you?

5. What other ideas do you have?

Thank you for taking the time to fill this out!