

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 19, 2022

*Hybrid Service at 9:30 am: In-person and online via Zoom*

# JUNETEENTH DAY

## FATHER'S DAY



### **First Congregational Church of Camden, United Church of Christ**

*Growing in Faith, Centered in Christ, Committed to Community*

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation embracing diversity  
and affirming the worth and dignity of every person.

We welcome everyone to share in all aspects of our church life.

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*Home of Boy Scout Troop & Pack 200, Girl Scout Troop 1341*

If you are joining on Zoom during the service please keep your mics muted during the service.  
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## THE SERVICE OF WELCOME

(\* indicates congregation stands, if comfortable doing so)

PRELUDE: *There is a Balm in Gilead* — Mark Hayes  
♪ Matt Mainster, piano

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ute Molitor

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *From Psalm 42*

Jane Babbitt

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul thirsts for you, O God.

**People: My soul thirsts for the living God.**

Leader: When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

**People: Hope in the Holy One, for I shall praise God again, my help and my God.**

**ALL: Come and let us worship and praise God who sustains us in all things.**

### \* HYMN *Alleluia, Praise the Lord / Aleluya Y'in Oluwa* ([https://youtu.be/Wg6ThR\\_pHDs](https://youtu.be/Wg6ThR_pHDs))

This is an African song used by the Iona Community.

(All joining us on Zoom receive a PDF link to words & music for all today's hymns. In the sanctuary, we use the hymnals.)

### \* UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION *From Iona Community Prayer Book*

Jane Babbitt

**God our challenger and disturber, help us to confront all that makes for death and despair in our lives, our communities, our world. May we never lose sight of the possibility of transformation and be continually surprised by people who believe in each other. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### \* GLORIA

**Glory to our Creator  
and to the Christ  
and to their gift of love,  
who is Spirit now among us,  
and throughout all creation:  
world without end,  
Amen, amen.**

### \* THE PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Patty Fox

*Not an easy peace, not a conditional peace, not a half-hearted peace, but the peace of Christ is with us now.*

*Let us share it with each other:*

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Patty Fox

### EPISTLE *Galatians 3:23-29*

Jane Babbitt

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our guide until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a guide, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As

many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer enslaved or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham and Sarah's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

#### SCRIPTURE

Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As Jesus stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time the man had not worn any clothes, and did not live in a house but in the tombs. Seeing Jesus, the man fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Child of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered the man. They begged Jesus not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone, clothed and in his right mind, sitting at the feet of Jesus. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all of the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So Jesus got into the boat and returned. The one from whom the demons had gone out begged to be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So the man went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

#### SERMON

*Functioning and Thriving*

Ute Molitor

[Alike: A Father-Son Story | KarmaTube](#)

Written and directed by Daniel Martinez Lara and Rafa Cano Mendez

## THE SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

\* HYMN #687

*In Christ There is No East or West*

#### OUR TIME OF PRAYER

Patty Fox

*Please send your joys and concerns to Patty (patty@camdenucc.org) or leave a message on Patty's voice mail (236-4821 option 5). During the worship time, you can write a prayer in via the chat function at the bottom of the screen. Please only share if you have permission by the person you wish to pray for. Please only use first name and keep personal information to a minimum as this will be available publicly.*

And so, to the One who is Love, we bring the prayers of our communities. Where we share in joy or concern, let us respond together, "God, hear our prayers."

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Philip Newell, Casa del Sol

**Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the Universe, Your name is sacred, beyond speaking. May we know your presence, may your longings be our longings in heart and in action. May there be food for the human family today and for the whole earth community. Forgive us the falseness of what we have done, as we forgive those who have been untrue to us. Do not forsake us in our time of conflict, but lead us into new beginnings. For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life are yours now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Patty Fox

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*As the Deer* — Marty Nystrom

♪ Summer Pick-up Choir

(do come and join us, no notice needed -- just arrive any Sunday by 8:30!)

\* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Praise God in Jesus fully known.  
Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen.*

\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jane Babbitt

**We are all one human family. In your love you created us. Through your grace you reach out to us. You are great enough to hold us all in your arms at the same time. Help us to open our hearts to the world that you love. Teach us to weave our lives together. We yield to Spirit, offering what we have to the greater good. In this way, each day, we begin again in love. Amen.**

**THE SERVICE OF BLESSING**

\* HYMN #442

*We Are Walking/ Siyahamba*

(4 verses: “We are walking,” – “We are singing” – “We are dancing” – “We are praying”)

\* BENEDICTION

\* SUNG BENEDICTION

*Go my children, with my blessing, never alone; Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever, Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

POSTLUDE

*Siyahamba* — John Behnke

♪ Matt Mainster, organ

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**OUR THANKS TO TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS**

Altar Flowers: Given by Cathy Eagleson in loving memory of Merlin Smith

Quilted “**Prayers for Ukraine**” behind Altar: Designed, pieced & quilted by Jan Kelsey

Children’s Talk: Elizabeth Lally

Deacon on Site/Zoom: Judy Cucinotta

Liturgist: Jane Babbitt

Greeters: Rick & Judy Schleder, Karen Giansiracusa

Deacon on Site: Terri Mackenzie

Ushers: Melvin Achorn, Scott Achorn

IT & Tech Support: Carl Trapani, Lou Finston-Fox,

Coffee Hour Coordinator: Fred Bucklin

Carrick Lally

**OUR CHURCH MINISTERS & STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Ute S. Molitor, Senior Minister

Matthew Mainster, Minister of Music

Rev. Patty Fox, Associate Minister

Tabitha Woodbury, Full Charge Bookkeeper

Jeanne Denny, Shields Mission Project Administrator

Becky Brace, Office Manager

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Beth Gerrish, Elaine Bisbee, Susan Neisingh, Patti McGowan,

Jessica Bergelin, SOS Assistant Manager

Heavenly Threads Inventory Specialists

Ryan Berry, Custodian of Buildings & Grounds

Gayle Palmer, Manager, SOS Room



## **CELEBRATING GRADUATES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**

Thanks to those who submitted names and congratulations to all.

**Ethan Caster** Falmouth HS, headed to University of Maine Orono for engineering  
Grandson of Karen & David Giansiracusa

**Enzo Cyrus-Giandomenico** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Newton MA headed to Newton Jr. High  
**Nonie Cyrus-Giandomenico** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Newton MA headed to Newton HS  
Children of Io Cyrus, grandchildren of Lucy Goulet

**Lou Finston-Fox** Headed to USM's Theater Program from Mass. College of Liberal Arts  
**Maya Finston-Fox** Baldwin Wallace University, Berea, OH  
Children of Patty Fox and Lisanne Finston

**Finn Mills** Camden Hills Regional High School, headed to Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Son of Shelley and Chris Mills

**Isabella Kinney** CHRHS, 4.0 average. Headed to Connecticut College to study Forensic Psychology  
Granddaughter of Pam Brown

**Grayson Orne** MSSM (Maine School of Science & Math) HS & Associates Degree, headed to Colby College  
Son of Charlene & Peter Orne, brother of Hayley Orne

**Hannah Quirk** B.A. Global Affairs, Yale University  
Daughter of Gerald & Beth Quirk

**Carole (Carrie) Walker** B.A. Eckerd College, headed to Argentina on a Fulbright grant  
Granddaughter of Roberta & Gary Walker

**Kaitlyn Walker-Spencer** Camden Hills Regional High School, headed to Grinnell College  
Daughter of Sharon and Chris Walker-Spencer, granddaughter of Roberta & Gary Walker

**Stephanie Walker** US Air Force Officer Training School, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., headed to Texas for advance work  
Granddaughter of Roberta & Gary Walker

**Owen John Weber** Medomak Valley HS, Salutatorian, headed to Yale University  
Son of Ed & Susan Weber, brother of Anna Weber

**Sadie Woodruff** Camden Hills Regional High School, headed to Wesleyan College  
Niece of Annie & Daniel Woodruff

# June 19 ~ This Week's Newsletter & Calendar to take home

## Mindfulness Meditation Summer Classes

All classes are 4:30-5:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Please email [ute@camdenucc.org](mailto:ute@camdenucc.org) to register (free).

In-Person sessions will be at First Congregational UCC (55 Elm Street, Camden, ME 04843; 236-4821).

**June 23:** In-person basic review of Mindfulness Meditation and Practice

**June 30:** In-person with the theme of Joy and Happiness

**July 14:** Zoom based basic review of Mindfulness Meditation and Practice

**August 11:** In-person, theme Loving Kindness Meditation and Basic MM Practice

**August 25:** Zoom based with the theme of Joy and Happiness

**September 1:** In-person, with the theme of Gratitude and Generosity

WEDNESDAY, September 7 at NOON (30 minutes), Loving Kindness Meditation on Zoom (note different day and time)

**September 22:** Zoom based with the theme of Gratitude and Generosity

Good will offerings will benefit the Shields Mission Project which provides assistance to individuals and families in Knox County.



**Mindfulness Meditation Daylong Retreat**  
**"Habits that Hurt and Habits that Heal"**  
**October 1, 2022, from 9:00-4:30**  
**3 spots left, please contact Ute to sign up.**



### Summer Pick-Up Choir

One bit of important music news as we look forward to the beautiful Maine summer ahead: please consider joining the "Pick-up Choir" **any Sunday morning at 8:30 from now until July 31st**. This is a wonderful opportunity to give the choir a try, free of any commitment or separate rehearsals. During the summer we focus on more accessible anthems that only require a little warming up prior to the service, so if you like to sing, just show up—it's as easy as that! Then be sure to

let me know if you or anyone you know would be interested in providing special music throughout August and the first few weeks of September while the choir is on break. But but but—and here's the most important thing I have to say this month—we are in desperate need of more singers for the fall! We'll be losing several key members due to moving, round-the-world sailing trips (seriously), new jobs, etc., so if you even remotely enjoy singing—*please!* We want you! Anyone?? I promise we're lots of fun :-)



FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP IS BACK. We have 60 volunteers and 12 teams already. Your TEAM will bring goodies, prepare/serve coffee and help clean up. Contact Becky in the office (236-4821 or [becky@camdenucc.org](mailto:becky@camdenucc.org))  
Thanks from Fred Bucklin, Coffee Coordinator.

**WE NEED 2 MORE VOLUNTEERS RIGHT AWAY, WILL YOU HELP?**



**~ YOU CAN SIGN UP TO BRING ALTAR FLOWERS ON SUNDAYS ~**  
**SEE POSTER IN PILGRIM ROOM NEAR KITCHEN DOOR. Thank you!**



## NEWS FROM HEAVENLY THREADS

She's done it again! Kristy, our in-house gardening guru, has created another beautiful space outside Heavenly Threads Thrift Shop. Stop by soon to see our garden and pop into the shop for a treasure or two!



We are OPEN Tuesday-Saturday 11-4PM  
Accepting donations Tuesday-Saturday 9-4 PM



**FCC TREASURER NEEDED, contact office to get a copy of this job description. Thank you!**

**First Congregational Church of Camden**

**Role of Treasurer: Job Description and Time Commitment**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Date/Day	Time	Event	Comments
Tuesdays	8:30 am	Lectio Divina Meditation	Call the office or email <a href="mailto:becky@camdenucc.org">becky@camdenucc.org</a> for Zoom invite.
Wednesdays	9:30 am	Staff Meeting	Zoom
Sundays	8:30 am	Summer Pick-up Choir, All Welcome!	Just show up on any Sunday at 8:30 am
Thursdays	12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters/Crocheters	Zoom & In person, Mayflower Room. Contact <a href="mailto:becky@camdenucc.org">becky@camdenucc.org</a> for Zoom invite.
Thursdays	6-8:30 pm	Pen Bay Ringers	Practice

June 21 Tues.	2-4 pm	Care Team Training #3	Pilgrim Room
June 27 Mon.		July BEACON deadline	
June 28 Tues.	4:15 pm	Cabinet	
June 29 Wed.	2-4 pm	HT/SOS	
<b>July 4 Monday</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>	Independence Day, Office Closed	
Notice	July	No July Meeting, Outreach	
Notice	July	No July Meeting, Cabinet	
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>July/Aug</b>	<b>Office Closed on Mondays</b>	