



Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly, Interim Pastor

ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP

November 6, 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost; Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts for Meditation — “One doesn’t have to operate with great malice to do great harm. The absence of empathy and understanding are sufficient.” — Charles M. Blow

“Neighbor is not a geographic term. It is a moral concept.” — Rabbi Joachim Prinz

“Charity is no substitute for justice withheld.” — Saint Augustine

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace...

* Call to Worship

Reception of New Members

Affirmation of Faith

MINISTER: Dearly beloved, do you affirm your faith in God, and Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

CANDIDATES: **I do.**

MINISTER: Will you make Jesus your example, and take for your rule of life His words: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, and with all your mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself?”

CANDIDATES: **I will.**

MINISTER: In the presence of God and these witnesses, will you give yourself to His service, and take this to be your church? Will you promise to walk together with them in faithfulness and Christian love? And will you promise, as far as you are able, to attend its services, observe its sacraments, share in its work, support and benevolence, and make it a fruitful branch of the Church of Christ?

CANDIDATES: **I will, with the help of God.**

Serving you this morning:	
Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Music Director	Sue Luce
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Denise Perry
Ushers	Amber & Ben Skinner

Owning of our Church's Covenant (in unison) (Those who are able, please stand.)

We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the Word and Will of God. We purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our Community, the Nation and all the World, while worshipping God and striving for truth, justice and peace. As did our forebears, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

Welcome of the Church

Congregation: **We then, as members of this church, gladly welcome you to a part with us in the hopes, the labors and the joys of this Church of Christ. We promise to walk with you in Christian love, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in Christian life.**

Prayer of Dedication (New Members and Congregation in unison)

Gracious God, we praise You for your calling us to faith, and gathering us in to this Church of Christ. We thank You for all our members and friends, and rejoice that You have increased our number. Together, may we live by your Spirit: building up each other in love, sharing the life and work of this church, and serving the world in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Right Hand of Fellowship (Minister and Deacon on behalf of the church)

{The Children are encouraged to leave for Church School. }

*** HYMN** — *Fairest Lord Jesus* INSERT

An Order for the Sacrament of Communion

{Note: in the Protestant Tradition we celebrate two sacraments. Baptism is one. The sharing of bread and cup is known by several names: Eucharist, Communion and the Lord's Supper. All are welcome at the table, including children who may partake of the Sacrament at the discretion of parents, care-givers or guardians. }

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE (DOXOLOGY)**

Old One-hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSIVE COMMUNION PRAYERS

ONE: God be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Be free with your hearts.

MANY: We give them freely to God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to God.

MANY: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

CONSECRATION

Holy God, we praise You for Your creation, remember Your covenant, made with Your people, shown in fullness with the birth of Jesus and completed in the resurrection of the Christ. We remember too, that on the night of betrayal, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying: "This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Consecrate, therefore, by Your Holy Spirit, O God, these gifts, and bless us that, as we receive them, we may be united with Christ and one another, and continue to be faithful in all things. Amen.

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. And through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God; take them in remembrance that Christ died and was raised for you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Take and eat for the body of Christ is present with you.

Take and drink for the blood of Christ is present with you.

THANKSGIVING

We thank you God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth Your presence in our lives. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS — Luke 20:27-38 [ILV]

[27] Some Sadducees— those who claim there is no resurrection— came to Jesus [28] and posed this question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if the brother of a man dies, leaving a wife but no children, the brother shall marry the woman, now widowed, and raise up children

with her. [29] So, let’s say there were seven brothers; the first one married and died childless. [30] The second then married the woman, [31] then the third and so on. All seven died without leaving any children. [32] Finally the woman also died. [33] At the resurrection, therefore, who will be her husband? Remember, the seven married her.”

[34] Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry each other, [35] but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age to come and in the resurrection from the dead do not take husbands or wives. [36] Indeed, they can no longer die— like angels they are children of God, since they are children of the resurrection. [37] That the dead are raised was demonstrated by Moses when, in the passage about the bush, where that ancestor speaks of God Most High as ‘the God of Sarah and Abraham, the God of Rebecca and Isaac, and the God of Leah and Rachel and Jacob. [38] God is not of the dead but the living. All of them are alive to God.”

Anthem — *Sing to the Lord with Your Heart Full of Praise*
(Scottish Folk Song, arr. David Lantz III)

Sermon — *Beloved*

Piano Meditation —

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

SILENCE

* **HYMN** — *Called As Partners In Christ’s Service* INSERT

BENEDICTION

Choral Blessing

Postlude

Harpwell Community Radio – WHPW 97.3 FM

Harpwell Community Television – Channel 14

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7960701>

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/07

Monday, 11/07 - 9:00 - 11:00

The Bible Study passage for Monday 11/07 at 11:00 a.m. and possibly at 7:00 p.m. is Isaiah 12. Please let the office know if you would like to attend via Zoom at 7pm, no later than 9:am Monday

Meetings scheduled for the week of November 7th

***Missions – Friday, November 11th @ 10:AM**

Fairest Lord Jesus

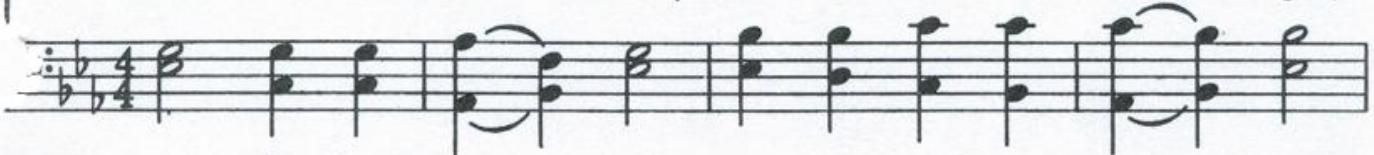
German: 17th century

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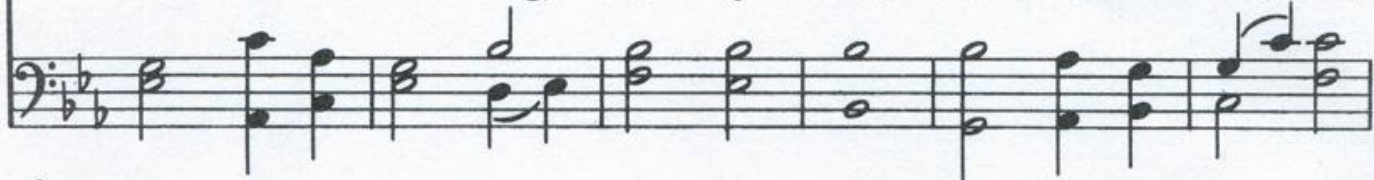
Silesian Melody



1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,



O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cher - ish,
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
And all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,



Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast. A - men.



Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life
5 Skills and time are ours for serv-ing, that your will on earth be done:



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-que-ers strife.
All at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the Church made one.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;



E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.



Prayer Requests for November 6, 2022

At home...

Connie Henry

Ed Phinney

Nancy Andersen

In nursing homes...

Sam Wright
David Ferris

In assisted living...

Tom Jones
Jane Collins
Joan Phillips

Ernestine Machesney
Evangeline Sparks

Away...

Ellie and George Patterson

Sick, in the hospital or rehabilitation...

C V Noyes

Recovering from illness or surgery...

Grieving...

Family of Mason Warren
Family of Robert Bibber
Family of Lois Pulsifer
Family of Lee Chipman

Thanksgivings...

The Pastoral Search Committee

Special concerns...

For the people in the paths of the hurricanes

Emergency responders / Health care workers / Essential workers...

Praise God for our partnership with WHPW and Channel 14!

Please keep those named above in your prayers. If you have any questions, or would like others to be prayed for, please contact Susan Ferris, Chairperson of our Prayer Circle. Susan can be reached at 666-3247 or sueherb@myfairpoint.net.

Thank you

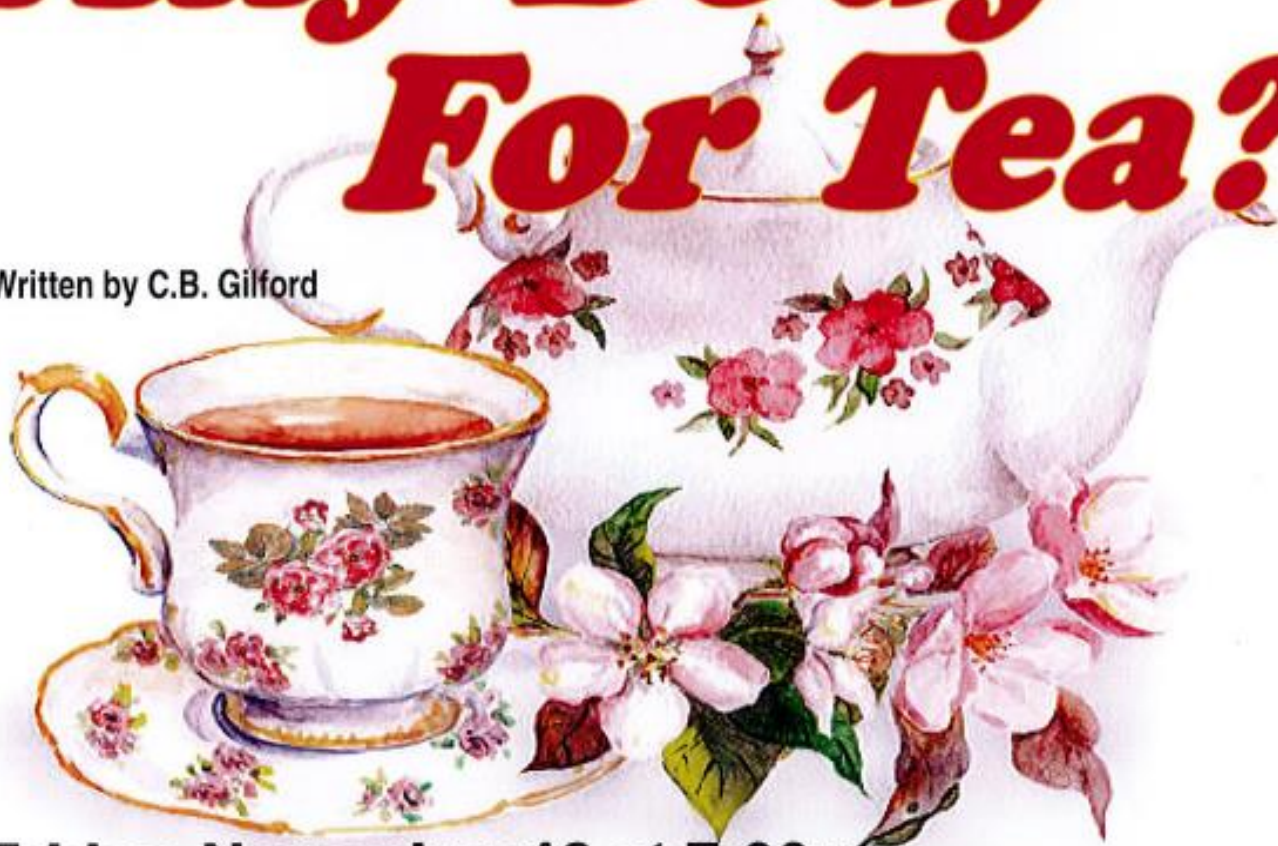
HARPSWELL COMMUNITY THEATER

Presents

A One-Act Mystery Comedy

Any Body For Tea?

Written by C.B. Gilford



Friday, November 18 at 7:00pm

Saturday, November 19 at 7:00pm

Sunday, November 20 at 1:00pm

Centennial Hall, Harpswell Neck Road (Rte 123), Harpswell

General Admission Tickets \$10.00

(limited seating, tickets available in advance or at door)

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