

EKC Worship Service May 29, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace...

***Call to Worship** (Responsive) (from Psalm 96)

Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name. Tell God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous work among all people.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

***Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer** (debts and debtors)

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.

***Hymn 611** **"Rise Up, O Saints of God"**

Reception of New Members

Scripture Acts 24: 36, 44-53 Pew Bible page 861

Anthem "Be Still" (Karen Marrolli)

Sermon "Endings... and New Beginnings"

Piano Meditation

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn 404** **"Take My Life and Let It Be"**

*Benediction

*Choral Blessing

Postlude

Harpwell Community Radio – WHPW 97.3 FM

Harpwell Community Television – Channel 14

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

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus-himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Ascension of Jesus

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and[□] returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Serving you this morning:	
Minister	Rev. John Carson
Director of Education & Outreach	Denise Perry
Music Director	Sue Luce
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Susan Whitman
Ushers	Bill & Kay Hunter



The flowers on the communion table are given by Linda Clement in loving memory of her twin sister, Susan.

Please join us in welcoming our new members this morning:

Ralph & Josie Davies
Joan Reynolds

Becky Marcos
Michael & Judith Stanton

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.**

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 Deacons on behalf of the church)

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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1. Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with less - er things;
 2. Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom tar - ries long.
 3. Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait,
 4. Lift high the cross of Christ; tread where Christ's feet have trod;

give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
 Bring in the day of righ-teous-ness, and end the night of wrong.
 with strength un-e-qual to the task; rise up and make it great.
 come sis-ters, broth-ers in the faith, rise up, O saints of God.

Take My Life and Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

VIENNA 7.7.7.7.

Melody by Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817

1 Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no long - er mine;
 4 Take my love: my Lord I pour At thy feet its treas-ure store;

Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau-ti - ful for thee.
 Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.
 Take my-self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for thee. A-men.

Prayer Requests for May 29, 2022

At home...

Ed Phinney
Nancy Andersen

Connie Henry
Gary Anderson

Harold Weeks

In nursing homes...

Sam Wright

In assisted living...

Jane Collins
David Ferris
Joan Phillips

Ernestine Machesney
Evangeline Sparks

Away...

Ellie and George Patterson

George & Jane Perkins

Sick, in the hospital or rehabilitation...

Valerie Bailey Caron
Fryah Morgan
C V Noyes
Trina

Tom Jones
Jessica
Gordon & Lorna Kaufman

Recovering from injury, illness or surgery...

Hope Tanguay

Ken & Ann Carter

Grieving...

Family of Scott Bragdon
Family of Shirley Thompson
Family of Blee Horton
Family of Paul Estes

Special concerns...

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

Thanksgivings...

Birth of Imani Mekial Cotto

Joys...

Praise God for our partnership with WHPW / 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 Rev. Carson, or Susan Ferris, Chairperson of our Prayer Circle, at 666-3247, or sueherb@myfairpoint.net. Thank you



Barn Sale intake starts next week! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church hallway.

A job well done!

Elijah Kellogg Church's Christian Education and Outreach programs are synonymous with our dear Denise Perry. It is with sadness that we announce Denise's resignation as the Director of Christian Education and Outreach effective June 30, 2022. However, it is with happiness that we announce that she has a new full-time position, which she loves, at the town office. We are also happy that Denise will continue to be a member of our Church family. We hope you will all wish her well.

Memorial Service & Reception

There will be a memorial service and celebration of Blee Horton's life on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at the church.

Snacks with Friends

Mark your calendar for June 2, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. when Harpswell Aging at Home, with the help of the Kellogg Church, will present "Snacks with Friends" at Mitchell Field. We have sponsored "Lunch with Friends" in the past (at the Grange) and now as the weather warms, we'll be outdoors and be in charge of the snacks, both sweet and savory, for this community event. Tea sandwiches, cut in quarters, roll-ups cut in bite size pieces, cheese puffs, snack bags with veggies, grapes or orange pieces and small brownie squares or cookies would all be welcomed. If you can help please contact Linda Clement at 729-8563 or [wdlh Clem@myfairpoint.net](mailto:wdlhclem@myfairpoint.net). Bring a chair, dress for the weather and encourage your friends to come. It's a great way to connect with our friends in Harpswell!

Let's get Crafty!

The craft group will be meeting next Tuesday, May 31st @ 9:00 am in the craft room. Bring your glue gun. I have many project ideas to work on and I will bring a couple of projects to do.

Thank you, Elly Cary



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While you are gathering those every day and one of a kind, life altering treasures to send to their new owners, please be mindful of the "rules".

1. If it is very dirty, we will have to clean it before the sale.
2. If it is broken beyond repair, is it worth handling and then paying to dispose of it at the recycling center?
3. Is it inappropriate for innocent eyes to see at a church sale? If so, please donate elsewhere.

Below is a list of items we will **NOT** be accepting:

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| Electronics | Linens |
| Phones | Books |
| DVD's | Metal Bed Frames |
| Tapes | Exercise Equipment |
| CD's | Stoves |
| TV's | NO CARS – TRAINS – TRUCKS – AIRPLANES...unless they are toys |

Donation Drop off Dates:

JUNE 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 9 - 12	2	3 9 - 12	4 10 - 3
5	6 9 - 12	7	8 9 - 12	9	10 9 - 12	11 10 - 3
12	13 9 - 12	14	15 9 - 12	16	17 9 - 12	18 10 - 3
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Barn Sale 9 - 2
26	27	28	29	30		

Carrie Bubier will be in charge of table rentals again this year, beginning June 1st.

