

ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP
June 26, 2022 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

Thoughts for Meditation — “God never told the world to go to church; but God did tell the church to go to the world.” — Sharon Watkins, Pastor, Disciples of Christ

“It is often said that the Church is a crutch. Of course it’s a crutch. What makes you think you don’t limp?” — William Sloane Coffin (1924-2006)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Scholarship

Passing of the Peace...

* Call to Worship — Based on the Salem Church Covenant [1629] (Responsive)

ONE: We covenant with *Yahweh*, God.

MANY: We covenant with God and with one another.

ONE: So, in covenant with God and one another, let us give voice to the promises we make:

MANY: We do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all the ways God shall reveal, as God is pleased to reveal self to us, seeking the light and the truth which is yet to break forth from the holy Word of God.

* **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** — *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Insert (#232)

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES — Galatians 5:13-25 [ILV]

[13] ...you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; but be careful or this freedom will provide an opportunity for self-indulgence. Rather, serve one another through works of love since the whole law is summed up in a single command: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” [15] If, however, you go on snapping at one another and tear each other to pieces, take care or you may end up destroying the whole community.

[16] Let me put it this way: if you live by the Spirit, if you are guided by the Spirit, you will be in no danger of yielding to self indulgence. [17] Since desire of our flesh is at

odds with the Spirit— and the Spirit with our flesh— these two are so opposed to each other, that you cannot do simply what you feel like doing, doing only what you want. [18] Indeed, if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

[19] Now it's obvious what proceeds from the flesh: lewd conduct, impurity, licentiousness, [20] idolatry, sorcery, hostility, strife, arguments, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish rivalries, dissensions, factions, [21] envy, drunkenness, carousing and so forth. I am warning you as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the Dominion of God.

[22] By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things. [24] And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their ego with its passions and desires. [25] So, since we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Here ends this reading from Scripture.

Anthem — “Canon of Praise” (Pachelbel, arr. Hal Hopson)

Sermon — *The Bonds of Polity*

Piano Meditation —

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

SILENCE

A CEREMONY OF *SHALOM* HONORING DENISE PERRY

RESPONSIVE 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 with confidence draw near to God.

MANY: That we may find grace in time of need.

A READING FROM THE WISDOM LITERATURE — Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, adapted.

ONE: Friends, God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help.

MANY: Therefore we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken, even if the seas roar and rage and the hills tremble. God is our shelter and strength.

ONE: And so we are here to witness and to share in an end and a beginning, to share the making of new commitments, new dreams, new hopes.

MANY: Change is not easy and in this time, we join with you as your friends, pledging our continued support and our prayers. We have been with you in your joys, in your struggles, in your happiness and in your tears. We will always care for you and we will always give and share with you our hope, our trust, our prayers, our love.

ONE: O God, make us aware of your presence. You have blessed us in all our moments: moments of joining, of relating, of beginning and change. Be with Denise and help her to know we are an extended family in these times of change, times of ending and beginning, thereby allowing us to act as true family to her. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Who is the Christ, the Messiah. And the congregation said,

ALL: **Amen, and again, amen!**

PERSONAL BLESSING

* HYMN — *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

BENEDICTION

Choral Blessing

Postlude

Radio – WHPW 97.3 FM
 Harpswell Public Television – Channel 14
 Vimeo – <https://vimeo.com/harpswelltv>

Minister's office hours for the week of June 27th: **Tuesday 9-12**
Wednesday 9-12

Serving you this morning:	
Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Director of Education & Outreach	Denise Perry
Music Director	Sue Luce
Reader	Denise Perry
Ushers	Pat Moody & Harry Arnold



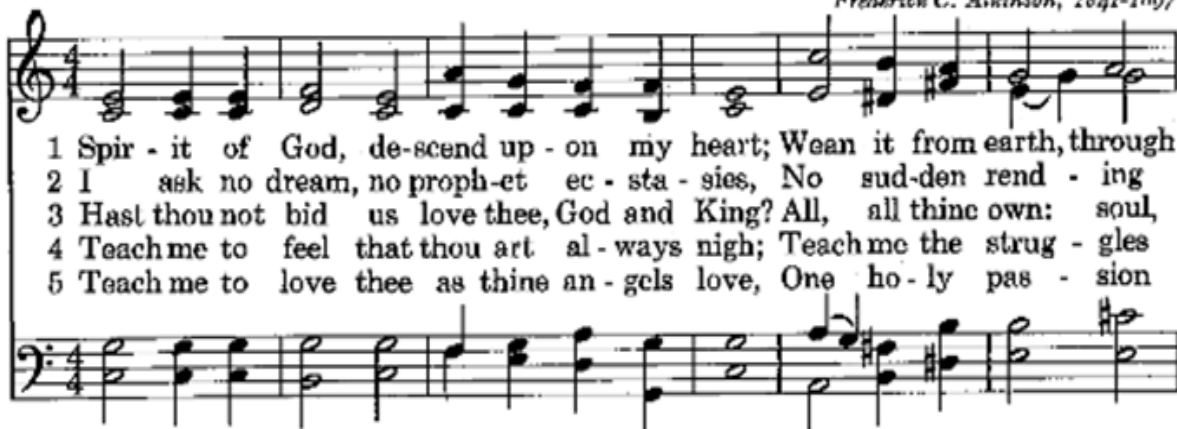
*The flowers on the table today are in loving memory of
 Anne Swann Goodrich from all of her family*

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

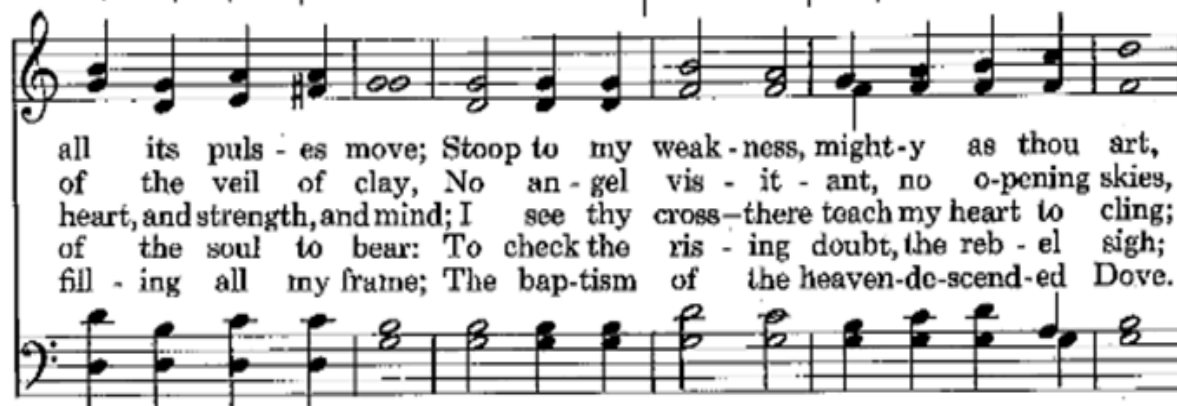
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Attr. to George Craly, 1780-1860

MORECAMBE 10.10.10.10.
Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; Wean it from earth, through
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies, No sud - den rend - ing
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King? All, all thine own: soul,
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh; Teach me the strug - gles
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love, One ho - ly pas - sion



all its puls - es move; Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 of the veil of clay, No an - gel vis - it - ant, no o - pening skies,
 heart, and strength, and mind; I see thy cross - there teach my heart to cling;
 of the soul to bear: To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 fill - ing all my frame; The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove.



And make me love thee as I ought to love.
 But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame. A - men.

In the Midst of New Dimensions

Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Prayer Requests for June 26, 2022

At home...

Ed Phinney
Nancy Andersen

Connie Henry
Gary Anderson

In nursing homes...

Sam Wright
David Ferris

In assisted living...

Jane Collins
Joan Phillips

Ernestine Machesney
Evangeline Sparks

Away...

Ellie and George Patterson

George & Jane Perkins

Sick, in the hospital or rehabilitation...

Gloria
Andrea
Peggy Anderson
Dawn
Valerie Bailey Caron

Fryah Morgan
C V Noyes
Trina
Tom Jones
Jessica

Recovering from illness or surgery...

Hope Tanguay

Ken & Ann Carter

Grieving...

Family of Lorna Kaufman

Special concerns...

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

Thanksgivings...

Birth of Imani Mekial Cotto

Joys...

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, at 666-3247, or sueherb@myfairpoint.net.

Thank you



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

July 5 – 29

(Monday – Friday from 11:30-12:30)

Thank you to our **TEAM** players for agreeing to be the point person for a week!



July 5-8: Carrie Bubier

July 11-15: Josie Davies

July 18-22: Ruth Smith

July 25-29: Carol Coultas

Without you, the hosting of the lunch program would not be possible!

WE STILL NEED SERVERS TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON:

Mondays – July 18th, 25th

Tuesdays – July 19th, 26th

Thursdays – July 21st, 28th

Fridays – July 8th, 15th, 22nd

- A **SERVER** will pass out bagged lunches between 11:30-12:30.
(Sign-up on-line or by contacting Denise)

To sign up online visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544aea62aa4f49-summer1>

The Vegetable Share Table is every Wednesday from 12-5pm.

Take home some farm fresh veggies for dinner!



Wishing Denise Well

Today is Denise Perry's last Sunday with us as Director of Christian Education and Outreach. The Boards of Christian Education and Missions have planned an Ice Cream Sundae Social which will happen today after the service at 11:00am.

We hope you can make it to the sendoff and that you will join us in thanking Denise for her service and wishing her well.

Are you missing a fork?

Did you lose a dinner fork? A lovely Oneida Deluxe Dinner Fork was found in my dishwasher. It came there via either my serving dish at the luncheon for John Carson or from the Women's Fellowship Picnic. You can retrieve it in the Church Office.

Thank you,
Ruth Smith



Next up...Annual Chicken BBQ!

Join us for good food, summer fun and the making of great friends.

July 30, 2022 5-7pm



Annual Chicken BBQ
at Elijah Kellogg Church



Location:
Elijah Kellogg Church
917 Harpswell Neck Rd.
Harpswell, Maine
FMI call: 833-6026

Menu:
Chicken, Salad, baked beans,
chips, lemonade, water
and a cupcake.

