

# ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP

August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts for Meditation — “Frantic orthodoxy is never rooted in faith but in doubt. It is when we’re not sure that we’re most sure.” — Reinhold Niebuhr

“If we are incapable of hearing others, we will also be incapable of hearing God. If we spend all day controlling and blocking others, why would we change when we kneel to pray?” — Rev. Richard Rohr

## Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## Passing of the Peace...

\* Call to Worship — (Responsive)

ONE: Gracious God, we gather in this place at Your invitation.

**MANY: You place before us this day Your offer to us to live as Your children, free from fear and free of the powers which destroy.**

ONE: Grant that by Your Spirit, that we may hold to Your promises.

**MANY: Show us how to take Your hand and how let You hand guide us.**

## \* 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** — *Jesus the Joy of Loving Hearts*      INSERT

## INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

Serving you this morning:	
Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Music Director	Sue Luce
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Carmen Fortin
Ushers	Pat Moody & Harry Arnold

Harpwell Community Radio – WHPW 97.3 FM

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## A READING FROM THE GOSPELS — Luke 14:1-14 [ILV]

[1] One Sabbath, when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal, the guests were watching closely.

[2] Just then, directly in front of Jesus, there was a person who suffered from edema. [3] Jesus asked the experts on the law and Pharisees, “Is it lawful to heal people on the Sabbath, or not?” [4] But they kept silent. With that, Jesus laid hands on this individual, healed the swelling, then sent the person away.

[5] Jesus said to the guests, “If one of you has a child— or an ox that falls into a pit— will you not immediately rescue that child or that ox, even on a Sabbath day?” [6] They had no answer to this.

[7] Noticing how the guests were trying to get a place of honor at the banquet table, Jesus then addressed a parable to them.

[8] “When you are invited by someone to a wedding party, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host. [9] Otherwise the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Make room for this person.’ And then you would have to proceed with shame showing on your face to take the lowliest place. [10] What you should do is go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when your hosts approach they will say to you, ‘My friend, come up to a more exalted seat.’ This will win you the esteem of all the other guests who sit at the table with you. [11] For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

[12] Then Jesus said to the host, “When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your colleagues or your relatives or wealthy neighbors. They may invite you in return and thus repay you. [13] No, when you have a reception of some sort, invite those who are poor or those who have physical infirmities or those who cannot see. [14] And you should be pleased that they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

**Anthem —** *O God Our Help in Ages Past* (Isaac Watts, arr. Joel Raney)

Sermon — ***Orthodox***

**Piano Meditation —**

**Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer**

PETITIONS AND SILENCES

\* **HYMN —** *God Our Author and Creator* INSERT

**BENEDICTION**

**Choral Blessing**

**Postlude**



The flowers today are given by Susan & Herb Ferris  
in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Latin: 12th century  
Tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

FEDERAL STREET L.M.  
Henry K. Oliver, 1800-1885

1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou fount of  
2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; Thou sav - est  
3 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, Wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; Make all our

life, thou light of men, From the best bliss that  
those that on thee call; To them that seek thee,  
change - ful lot is cast: Glad when thy gra - cious  
mo - ments calm and bright; Chase the dark night of

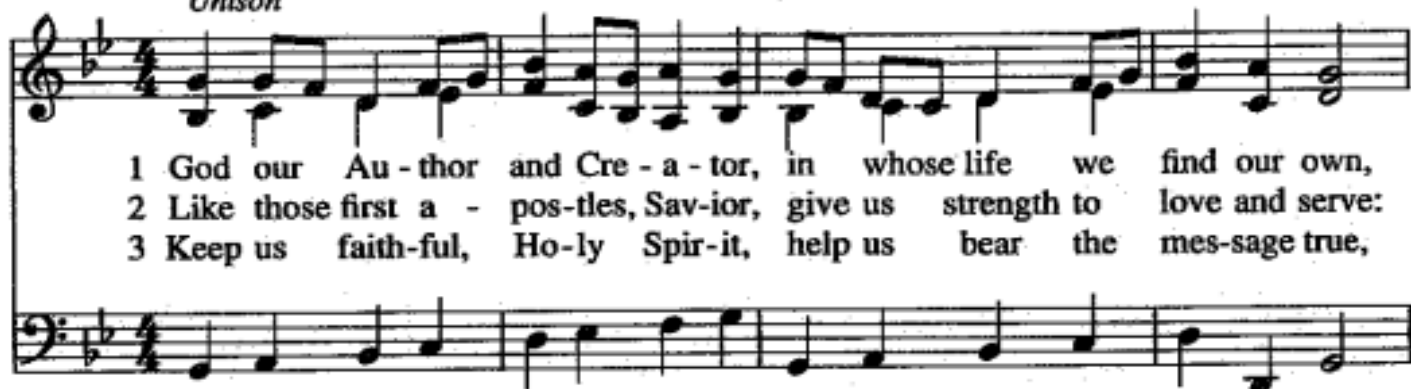
earth im - parts We turn un - filled to thee a - gain.  
thou art good; To them that find thee, all in all.  
smile we see; Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.  
sin a - way; Shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light. A - men.

# God Our Author and Creator


Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1985

Gen. 1:1-2:3; Acts 17:22-31; Rom. 12:2; John 3:16-17

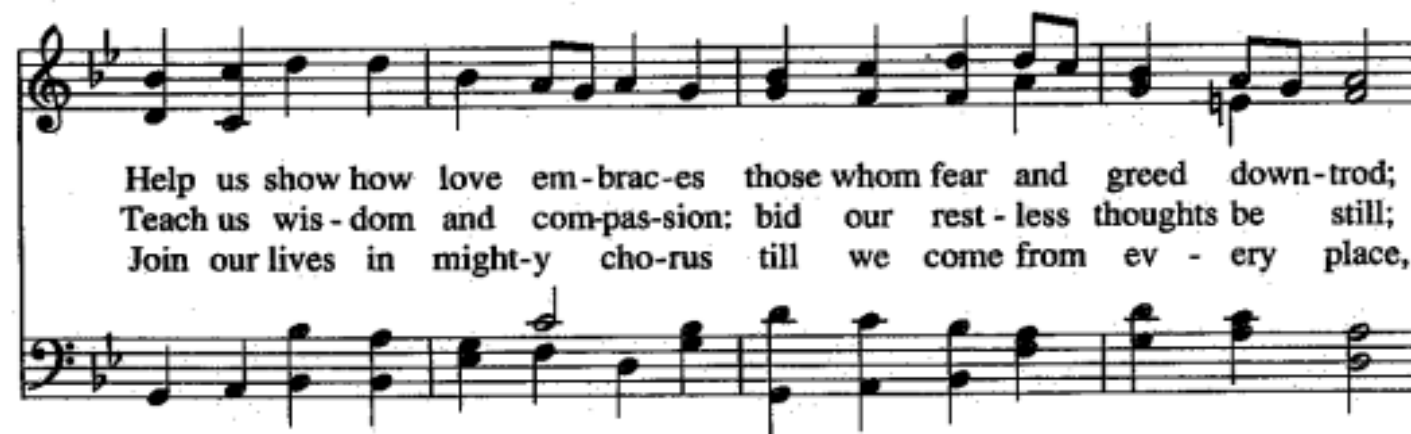
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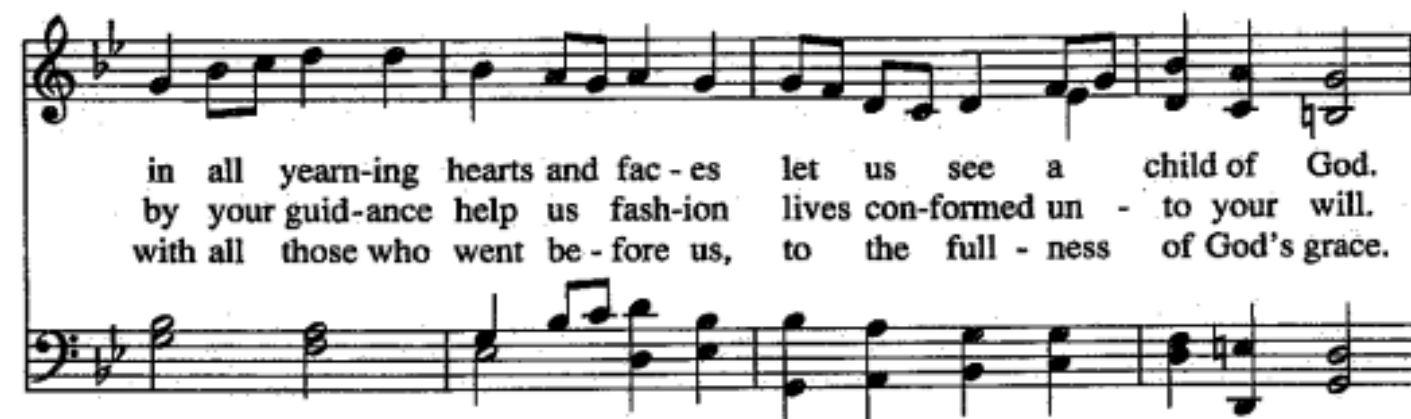
1 God our Au - thor and Cre - a - tor, in whose life we find our own,  
2 Like those first a - pos-tles, Sav-ior, give us strength to love and serve:  
3 Keep us faith-ful, Ho-ly Spir-it, help us bear the mes-sage true,



make our dai - ly wit - ness great-er, by our lives make your love known.  
when our faint-ing spir - its wa-ver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.  
that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."



Help us show how love em-brac-es those whom fear and greed down-trod;  
Teach us wis-dom and com-pas-sion: bid our rest-less thoughts be still;  
Join our lives in might-y cho-rus till we come from ev - ery place,



in all yearn-ing hearts and fac - es let us see a child of God.  
by your guid-ance help us fash-ion lives con-formed un - to your will.  
with all those who went be - fore us, to the full - ness of God's grace.

## Prayer Requests for August 28, 2022

### At home...

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...

Brandon Pike  
Trina  
Linda Oehme  
Gloria

Andrea  
Dawn  
Valerie Bailey Caron  
Fryah Morgan

C V Noyes  
Connie Henry  
Jessica

### Recovering from illness or surgery...

### Grieving...

Family of Joan Chonko  
Family of Diane St. Jean  
Family of John Locke  
Family of Peggy Anderson  
Family of Lorna Kaufman

### Thanksgivings...

### Special concerns...

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](mailto:sueherb@myfairpoint.net).

Thank you

# Notice

## Special Meeting

### Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational

**TODAY - Sunday, August 28, 2022**

There will be a special meeting of the Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational membership to be held immediately following the conclusion of the worship service, **TODAY, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022** for the purpose of voting on the list of candidates for election to the Pulpit Committee which has been submitted by the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Luce, Church Clerk

## **EKC Christmas by the Sea Fair: Calling All Bakers and Cooks!**

October 8<sup>th</sup> will soon be here, and we are looking for goodies to sell at the Country Goods food table: baked goods (including breads, cookies, pies, cakes), candy and fudge, jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, and freshly made chili or soup. Contact Becky Gallery [bgalleryme@comcast.net](mailto:bgalleryme@comcast.net) or 833-6159 or sign up on the bulletin board in the EKC hallway with what you can donate to our fair.

**ON-LINE SILENT AUCTION** — We will be holding our annual Holiday Fair Silent Auction on-line again this year. It will be live from Friday September 23 through Wednesday October 5. Winning bidders can pick up their items at the Church on the day of the Holiday Fair itself: Saturday October 8th.

Check out below our first item up for bid: A handcrafted queen-size quilt donated by Meg Tucker. Thank you, Meg!



**Donations Needed** — Please help us collect more items and services that can be auctioned.

These can be gift certificates to local stores or restaurants, or services from local businesses or individuals.

Perhaps you can personally offer special services like 3 hours of gardening, homemade pies, sunset cruises, lobsters, etc. The possibilities are many!

We are also looking for more upscale items, such as paintings and antiques that might attract buyers. In addition, items can be donated for Themed Baskets, such as tea assortments, chocolates, garden supplies, candles, pet supplies, auto detailing, games, movies, etc.

To help us finalize our list of items for auction, please let us know about your donations by September 15.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact one of the On-line auction co-chairs:

Allen Tucker [allen@bowdoin.edu](mailto:allen@bowdoin.edu)      Patty O'Brien Carrier [chattyp@comcast.net](mailto:chattyp@comcast.net)  
Pat Myer [myerp@comcast.net](mailto:myerp@comcast.net)      Rob Porter [rqp888@yahoo.com](mailto:rqp888@yahoo.com)

Thank you!

## Pastor Joe's Office Hours

Pastor Joe's office hours for the week of August 29<sup>th</sup> will be Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> from 9am – 11am

Coming up.....

# Christmas by the Sea Holiday Fair

outside in the courtyard at  
Elijah Kellogg Church

**Saturday, October 8**  
**10 am - 2 pm**

Handmade Crafts

Country Store & Baked Goods

**Luncheon 11 am – 1 pm**  
**Lobster Rolls, Fish Chowder, Egg**  
**Salad Sandwiches & Pie!**

**Credit Cards Accepted!**



**Online Auction**  
September 23 - October 5

The link for the auction is: [auctria.events/2022EKCHolidayFair](https://auctria.events/2022EKCHolidayFair)

**Location:** 917 Harpswell Neck Rd., Harpswell **FMI:** 833-6026