



## ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH, Congregational

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly

### ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP

September 11, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Rally Day

Thought for Meditation — “God’s acceptance and forgiveness does not say that everything we have done and left undone is all right. It says that we can pick up from here and move on. Freed from the burden of guilt, we can live with our real, sinful selves, accepting ourselves because God accepts us and esteeming ourselves because if God prizes us, how can we do otherwise?” — Martha Graybeal Rowlett — *In Spirit and in Truth*

#### **Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements

#### **Passing of the Peace...**

\* Call to Worship — (Responsive)

ONE: God looks on humankind to see if any are wise.

**MANY: Those who seek God above all else are wise.**

ONE: Remember Your promises to us, O God!

**MANY: O Holy God, create in us clean hearts and renewed spirits. Help us seek to know You and to grow in understanding. Confront us and light our way with Your Spirit of Truth.**

#### **\* Prayer of Invocation**

Harpswell Community Radio – WHPW 97.3 FM

Harpswell Community Television – Channel 14

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

Serving you this morning:	
Interim Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Music Director	Sue Luce
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Karin Soderberg
Ushers	Bruce & Pat Myer

**Pastor’s office hours for the week of September 12, 2022**  
**Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 11:00**

## A LITURGY FOR RALLY DAY

PASTOR JOE: Today we recognize the beginning of the Sunday School year. This is a vital part of our ministry.

ASHLEY: When a child is baptized among us, we collectively promise to love and support that child. We need to keep that promise to love the children, to share our time, our energy and our faith with the children.

**ALL:** We are excited to accept this call to serve. We are nervous, too. It's a responsibility.

PASTOR JOE: We, therefore, need the support of everyone connected with this congregation. And we do look forward to the questions, patience, acceptance and enthusiasm of the children. We are excited to learn with them as we share together.

**ALL:** We are glad there are opportunities for us to learn, to find ways to share the gifts God has given us as we participate in the ministry of this church.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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** — *When Morning Gilds the Skies* INSERT

## INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS — Luke 15:1-32 [ILV]

**Anthem** — *God's Peace* (arr. C.J. Adams)

Sermon — *Prodigal In the Key of 'F'*

**Piano Meditation** —

**Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer**

SILENCE

\* **HYMN** — *Praise to the Living God* INSERT

## BENEDICTION

**Choral Blessing**

**Postlude**

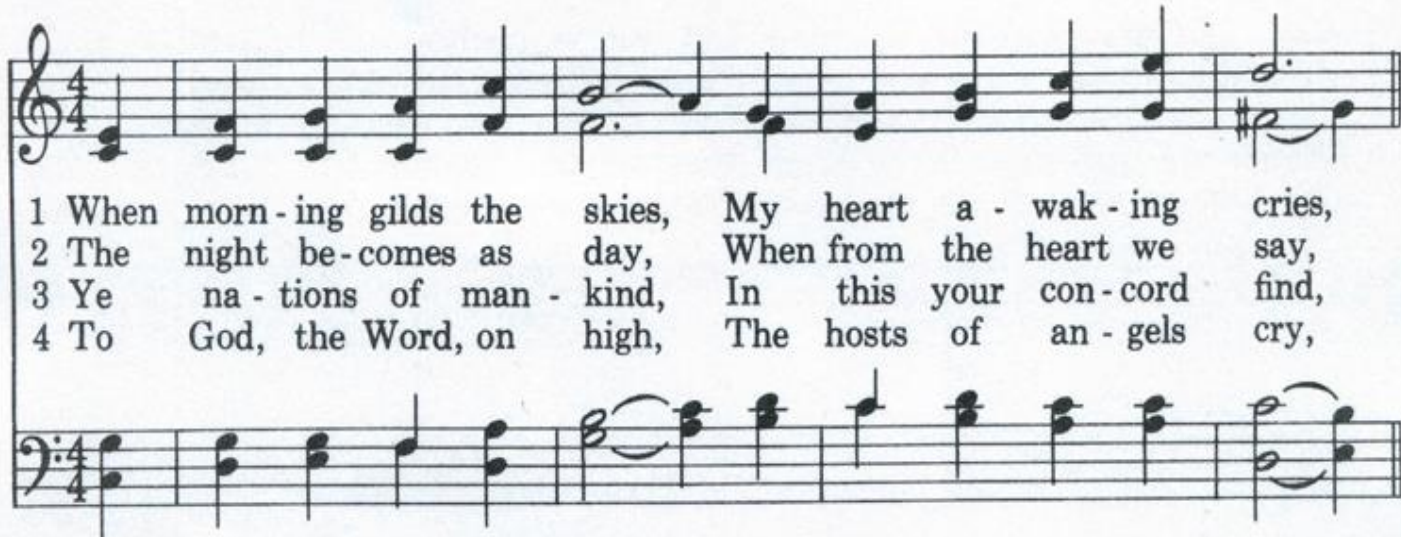
# When Morning Gilds the Skies

German: anon., 1828

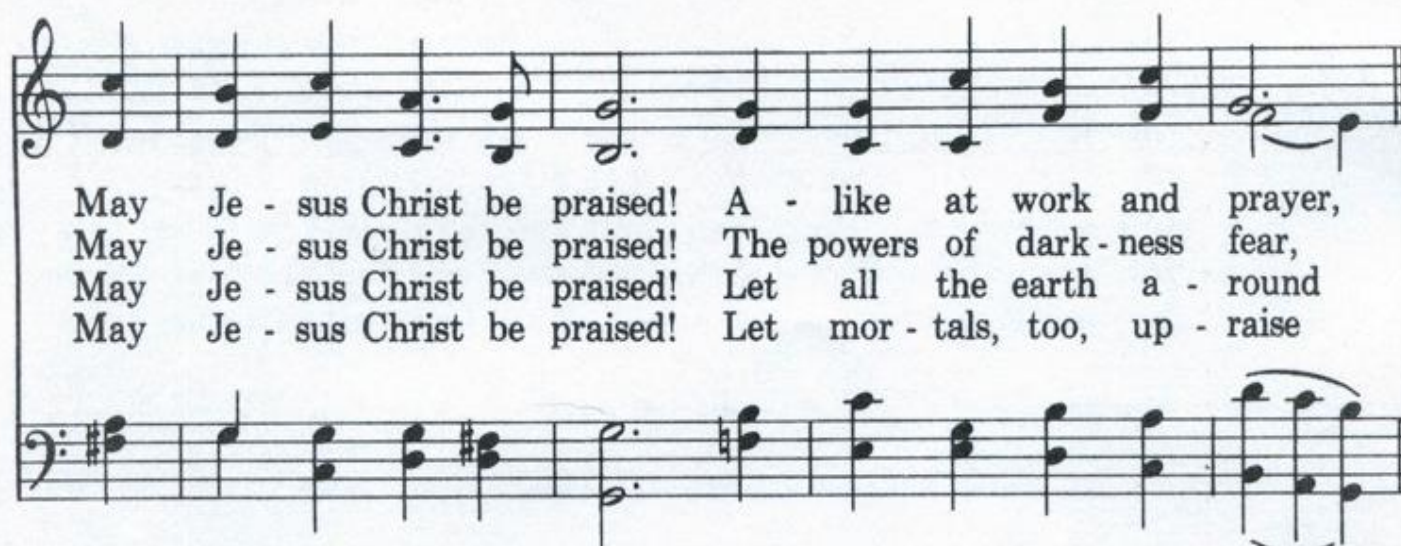
Tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.

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Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries,  
2 The night be - comes as day, When from the heart we say,  
3 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find,  
4 To God, the Word, on high, The hosts of an - gels cry,



May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,  
May Je - sus Christ be praised! The powers of dark - ness fear,  
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let mor - tals, too, up - raise



To Je - sus I re - pair; May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
When this sweet chant they hear, May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
Ring joy - ous with the sound, May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
Their voice in hymns of praise, May Je - sus Christ be praised! A-men.





The flowers on the altar are given by Bruce and Pat Myer in loving memory of their nephew Bradley Vadas who died on September 11, 2001 in the World Trade Center.

## Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose  
2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose  
3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who  
4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;  
Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;  
shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.  
yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -  
Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till  
God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And  
In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.  
hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.  
deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.  
we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

## **Prayer Requests for September 11, 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  
Jessica  
Fryah Morgan

C V Noyes  
Connie Henry

### **Recovering from illness or surgery...**

### **Grieving...**

Family of Elly & Charlie Cary, on the loss of Elly's sister, Thelma Reid  
Family of Joan Chonko  
Family of Diane St. Jean  
Family of John Locke  
Family of Peggy Anderson  
Family of Lorna Kaufman

### **Thanksgivings...**

### **Special concerns...**

For the people of Siskiyou County in Northern California, suffering from the horrific wildfires, especially for those who have lost their homes

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



October 8 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.

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**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)  
Pat Myer [myerp@comcast.net](mailto:myerp@comcast.net)

Patty O'Brien Carrier  
Rob Porter

[chattyp@comcast.net](mailto:chattyp@comcast.net)  
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Thank you!



# Christmas by the Sea Holiday Fair



outside in the courtyard at  
Elijah Kellogg Church  
**Saturday, October 8**  
**10 am - 2 pm**

**Handmade Crafts  
& Treasures!**

**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**

## Craft Group – Please note the change of location

With September approaching the Craft Fair will be here before you know it, I need people to help set up and be at the table the day of the Fair, I hope everyone who does crafts is busy making some.

Due to mold in the basement at the church, the Craft group will be held at Elly Cary's house, 50 headland Rd., Harpswell, on Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:AM ( 207-725 4048 or [elly1943@comcast.net](mailto:elly1943@comcast.net)) Please bring a glue gun and extension cord if you have one and we will work on decorating with shells. I have some pretty driftwood and brought home shells from the church. If you want to work on some craft you are trying to finish that's fine too. Hard to believe September is already here!

If you want to stay for lunch I will make coffee, tea and provide a dessert. A time for Fellowship is always fun!

Ruth Allan, Susan Carson , Blee Horton and Ellie Hunter will be missed as they all contributed so much to our table.

Prayers that we have a bountiful table and beautiful day October 8<sup>th</sup>!

Stay safe & Healthy  
Elly Cary

## **Christian Education**

The board of Christian education is excited to start another Sunday school year. The toddler to early elementary age kids will be learning about the fruits of the spirit through songs, stories, and activities. The late elementary to middle school kids will take a closer look at the people of the Bible using devotionals, videos, and a workbook . We ask you to extend an invitation to the kids in your life to join us Sunday September 11th for Rally Day-the official start!

## **Update from the Ad Hoc Committee**

Notes from discussion of Ad Hoc Finance Committee (8/14/22) accomplishments to date:

The follow-up meeting of the Ad Hoc Finance Committee was held in the Fellowship Hall after worship on 8/14/22. All committee members were invited to attend, and all EKC members and interested people were also invited to attend.

Carol Coultas, Becky Gallery, Linda Clement, Win Gillis, Rev. Dalene Fuller Rogers were in attendance as original committee members, and 7 members of the congregation, some representing other committees, were also present, providing helpful reflections and ideas.

The following Finance Committee actions have already taken place to strengthen EKC's stewardship of finances:

- Created effective Narrative Budget
- Line items more clearly reflect how money is spent
- Regularly evaluating critically how each line item is being spent
- Working with hospitality to create a celebration of community and church ministries
- Online Donation options added

Other ideas/suggestions/comments received:

- Personnel Committee wants to do their job as outlined in the Bylaws: Pastor evaluates the staff, Personnel Committee evaluates the Pastor
- Christian Education and Mission Committees are covering the gap left by Denise's departure
- Mission needs more publicity and is committed to transparency
- Finance Committee is creating a Stewardship Team and program
- Website must be kept current and highlight what EKC is doing. Use more photos.
- Write an article for the Anchor about EKC
- Increase member participation
- EKC does an outstanding job of welcoming newcomers

Ideas/suggestions are always welcome! Your Finance Committee is working hard year 'round, and appreciates your faithful support.