ORDER OF WORSHIP

UNION CHURCH OF VINALHAVEN

June 25, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn: “All People on Earth Do Dwell”

1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing out your faith with cheerful voice.  
Delight in God whose praise you tell,  
whose presence calls you to rejoice!

2 Know that there is one God; indeed,  
who fashions us without our aid.  
Who claims us, gives us all we need,  
the sheep whose tender care will never fade.

3 Enter the sacred gates with praise,  
with joy approach the temple walls.  
extol and bless our God always.  
as people whom the Spirit calls.

4 Proclaim again that God is good,  
whose mercy is forever sure.  
whose truth at all times firmly stood  
and shall from age to age endure.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Friends, we know what God desires of us:

**That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**  
We gather this morning to remind each other about that,  
**To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.**So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

Celebrant: The Lord Be with You People: And, with you. Celebrant: Let us pray.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**Teach us , good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS AND JOYS OF THE PEOPLE followed by the Lord’s Prayer

CHOIR: ”Be Thou My Vision”

OFFERTORY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn: “Come Thou Fonte of Every Blessing”

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,  
mount of God’s unchanging love!

2 Here I raise to thee an alter;  
hither by thy help I’m come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here’s my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13 Hazel Smith

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 69:7-18 (People read the **Bold)**

69:7 Surely for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.  
  
**69:8 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**  
69:9 Zeal for your house that has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.   
  
**69:10 I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**  
69:11 I put on sackcloth my also, and became a byword to them.  
  
**69:12 Those who sit in the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**  
69:13 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time, you have set O Lord, in your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.  
  
**69:14 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**  
69:15 Let not the torrent waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not the Pit shut its mouth upon me.  
  
**69:16 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**69:17 Hide not your face from your servant; be swift to answer me for I am in distress .  
  
**69:18 Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

EPISTLE: Romans 6: 1b-11 Hazel Smith

SPECIAL: Aviva Rahmani

\* GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

SERMON: Reverend Jeffrey Lewis

SILENCE

PRAYER OF THANKS

***All:* Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life and for the** **mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.  
  
We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.  
  
We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.  
  
Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.  
  
Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all** **places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen**

***BLESSING: Reverend Jeffrey Lewis***

CLOSING HYMN: “Pray My Soul”

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
Glad of heart your carols raise.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me, should sing God’s praise?  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the maker all our days!

2 Praise him for his grace and favor  
shown to all who are oppressed.  
God shows steadfast love forever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in God’s faithfulness!

3 Motherlike God tends and spares us;  
knowing well our fragile frames.  
Fatherlike, God gently bears us,  
tenderhearted slow to blame.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
All within me praise God’s name!

4 Frail as summers flowers flourish; Blows the wind, and it is gone but while mortals rise and perish Gods compassion still lives on. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the high eternal One!

5 Angel teach us adoration;  
you who see God face to face.  
Sun and moon, and all creation,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

Dismissal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

4th of July Hamburger and Hot Dog Booth – Volunteers needed

4th of July Baked Food Table and Cookbook Sales – Baked food needed,

Please drop off at the table under the tent on the 4th by 9:00.

July 22 – Drive By Lobster Dinner – Volunteers needed. 4:00 – 6:30

July 22 – Concert at the Bandstand with Castlebay. Need Volunteers

to pass the hat for collections. Hope for a warm summer evening and

bring a blanket, outdoor chair and enjoy the wonderful music. 7:00 PM

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