

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF EAST SUMNER  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
7th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 19, 2020

Welcome and Announcements.

Prelude

The Call to Worship Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

**If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Hymn "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" Hymnal # 31

\* The Gathering Prayer of Confession

\* The Invitation

We seek a closer experience of God; yet our lives and our attitudes show little change from what they have been. Let us join in prayer.

\* The Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we have heard your call to discipleship, and it makes our hearts glad. Yet we, O Lord, seek to be disciples on our own terms. We cling to old ways of thinking, old patterns of behaving, and we resist your call to be changed. Forgive us our divided loyalty, we pray, and strengthen our resolve to grow as you would have us, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\* The Assurance of Pardon

I have good news! God seeks our growth in faith more surely than we do, and promises forgiveness and hope to all who honestly ask for it.

\* The Gloria Patri

Hymnal #734

Scripture	Genesis 28:10-19a	p 26/LP 37
	Isaiah 44:6-8	p 643/LP 980
	Romans 8:12-25	p 1005/LP 1527
	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	p862/LP 1321

Sermon

Bill Glass

Hymn "Immortal Invisible God Only Wise" Hymnal #48

\* Confessing Our Faith – the Heidelberg Catechism #6-#8

Prayers of the Church - Joys and Concerns

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

***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, for ever. Amen.***

\* Doxology Hymnal #34

\* Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" Hymnal #113

\* Benediction

\* Response "Holy, Holy, Holy (1st verse only) Hymnal #136

\* Postlude

\* *All who are able, please stand.*

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For church or pastoral matters, feel free to contact Bill Glass (388-2263) or Cyndy Norton (388-2667).

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**This Week's Lectionary.**

**Mon., July 20** Ps. 139:13-18 Gen. 32:3-21 Revelation 14:12-20  
**Tues., July 21** Ps. 139:13-18 Gen. 33:1-17 Galatians 4:21—5:1  
**Wed., July 22** Ps. 139:13-18 Gen. 35:16-29 Matthew 12:15-21  
**Thurs., July 23** Ps. 105:1-11, 45b Gen. 29:1-8 1 Corinthians 4:14-20  
**Fri., July 24** Ps. 105:1-11, 45b Genesis 29:9-14 Acts 7:44-53  
**Sat., July 25** Ps. 105:1-11, 45b Genesis 29:31—30:24 Matthew 12:38-42

**Church calendar-**

Today 9:00am Worship in the sanctuary.  
Monday, July 20 9am-Noon Food Bank open  
Tuesday, July 21 6:30pm Council Meeting (rescheduled from July 14)  
Sunday, July 26 9:00am Worship in the sanctuary.  
Sunday, August 2 9:00am Worship in the sanctuary. Communion.  
Monday, August 3 9am-Noon Food Bank open

**Results of Last Week's Called Meeting of the Congregation.** Last week we voted unanimously to approve:

1. A change to the bylaws to meet the state requirement that members would not benefit in the event of the dissolution of the church. The paperwork has been submitted to the state to retain our tax exempt status.
2. Joining the National Association of Christian Congregational Churches.  
This does not effect on membership in the Maine Conference of the UCC.

**Missions:** Thanks to generous ongoing donations, we continue with our planned Mission Outreach. We sent \$400 to Blankets and Tools for May and June; \$500 will be sent to Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers and \$26 to Our Daily Bread (from the Church Missions Budget). For more information on the Children's Home, go to <https://www.mainechildrenshome.org/> We were not able to set up a collection box for Rumford Group Homes in April, but anyone who would like to donate items now can call Michelle Worthley at 357-5579. She is the Director of Homeless Services and can set up a time to deliver either in Rumford or Norway. If you have any questions or suggestions please talk to one of us. Your Deacons, Cyndy, Diana, Ken, Paula.



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