

WELCOME!

The members and friends of Sawyer Memorial Congregational Church in Jonesport are delighted to welcome all to this service of worship, a service that represents the culmination of a long process of preparation, study, prayer and discernment. We are confident that God has called us to set apart Phyllis Woodward Merritt for the Christian Ministry through the solemn act of ordination, and we are honored that you have joined us for worship today.



GATHERING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

Leon Crowley

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *The Church's One Foundation*

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Hymns for a Pilgrim People #484

CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Colin Windhorst
Barbara Maloy

The Ecclesiastical Council of the Vicinage reconvenes from the recess declared on May 5, 2012. The scribe reads the minutes of the ordination examination.

WELCOME

Sandra Moffett

CALL TO WORSHIP

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One: Jesus explained, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Many: **We rejoice in the faith that binds us together as a family.**

One: An ancient prophet announced the Lord's words of assurance, "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you."

Many: **We cherish God's love that both soothes and sustains us.**

One: The psalmist proclaimed, "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!"

Many: **Standing shoulder to shoulder, we worship the God who makes us one.**

Rev. Ashley Cook Cleere in Hymns for a Pilgrim People

GOD'S WORD TO US

INVOCATION

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All: **Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.**

QUIET CONFESSION

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

♫HYMN *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Teacher, Thy will be done;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor world's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Hymns for a Pilgrim People #353

FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV) ???

♫GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PSALM—Psalm 121 (KJV) ???

One: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Many: My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and

One: **earth.**

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee

Many: will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

One: The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

Many: The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

One: The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

All: The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

SOLO Title ???

SECOND LESSON—1 Thess. 5:8-11 (CEB) ???

GOSPEL—Matthew 22:35-40 (ESV) ???

ANTHEM Title Leon Crowley

SMCC Choir

ORDINATION SERMON ???

♫HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Hymns for a Pilgrim People #432

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD—The Rite of Ordination

PRESENTATION Beverly Griffith-Williams
VOWS Clergy
PRAYER OF ORDINATION and THE LAYING ON OF HANDS Clergy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE DECLARATION Presiding clergy

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

Washington County Association of Clergy
Congregational Churches and Ministers
Congregational Christian Council of Maine Clergy
(National Association of Congregation Christian Churches) Clergy
Remarks from the Pastor

HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God Creator now be given;
the Son, and Spirit reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Adapted from Hymns for a Pilgrim People #283

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR Clergy

CHARGE TO THE CHURCH Clergy

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Our God's love is reigning o'er us, binding us in one great plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward In the triumph song of life.

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BENEDICTION Rev. Phyllis Merritt

The Ecclesiastical Council adjourns, *sine die*.

Invites those who are able to stand



Leon Crowley is organist at SMCC and at the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Beals.

Sandra Moffett is the Moderator, SMCC. She is also president of SMCC's fellowship group Hand-in-Hand.

Beverly Griffith- Williams is the chairperson of the Board of Deacons, SMCC and a member of Hand-in-Hand.

Rev. Colin Windhorst is Assistant Pastor at the Congregational Church in Dennysville, Perry Congregational Church in Perry and Sewall Memorial Congregational Church in Robbinston. He is currently the moderator of the Washington County Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers. He was the moderator at Phyllis's Ecclesiastical Council of the Vicinage.

Barbara Maloy is a member of the _____ and serves as the treasurer of the Washington County Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers. She was the scribe at Phyllis's Ecclesiastical Council of the Vicinage.