

Order of Worship

* All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE
GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melanie LaFrinea
Deacon

(Please be brief, succinct and timely.)

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

Acolyte

The light of Christ. ***Thanks be to God.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christianity is not about conformity.

Following Jesus means transformity.

Instead of being conformed to this world,

***With its superficial comparisons
and chasing after vapid hopes,***

The Gospel calls us to be transformed
by the renewal of our minds,

so that we can measure our lives

by what is truly good, well pleasing and purposeful.

In a moment of stunning insight,

Peter recognized Jesus for who he was: Messiah!

God had given him sight beyond the surface,

the blessed recognition of God's anointed one.

And God blessed Peter with leadership beyond what
this impetuous fisherman could do by himself.

***So God also blesses each of us through the Holy
Spirit that dwells within us.***

What are the gifts that have been given to each of us?

***Let us exercise those gifts with diligence and joy,
with discernment, hope and love,
and so fulfill your calling.***

*HYMN 10 *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

*INVOCATION (Everyone)

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of
the church is governed, blessed and sanctified.

Also by your Spirit each of us is called to
ministries of grace and love.

Grant that we may discern your calling for the
church together, and each of us individually.

And grant us the wisdom, persistence and love to
fulfill your callings, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 558

*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.*

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

BLESSING OUR CHILDREN (All, singing)

Child of God, our loving Parent,

Learn to listen for God's call.

Grow to laugh and sing and worship,

Trust and love God more than all.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 1:8 – 2:10 p. 48

Romans 12: 1–8 p. 1304

Matthew 16: 13-20 p. 1164

SERMON

Transformity

*HYMN 163 *Lord of the Dance (Vs. 4 mournfully until refrain)*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR 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 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 228 *Spirit of God, Descend (Vs. 1, 2, 5)*

*BENEDICTION

..... Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE 497 (All, singing)

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred hearts

Is like to that above.

*POSTLUDE

Melanie LaFrinea

***Please join us for refreshments after the service
in the vestry downstairs.***

The world is far too serious
and has need of a wise
and merry philosophy.

– Lin Yutang

MOSES
IN
THE
BUSHES



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2011 - 9:30 a.m.

United Parish

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United Church of Christ

God is still speaking,



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Welcome

If you are visiting, we hope you will feel at home. If you would like to make yourself known to us, please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the offering plate.

We send out a **weekly email** to those for whom we have email addresses. If you would like to be included, please give the pastor your email address.

Today we welcome back members of the **clarinet choir**, Dick Albert, Lew Bussell, Heather Stewart, and Randa Vitala.

Announcements

Allan Denison is the deacon assisting with worship today. **Gerry & Elaine Smith** greeted you at the door. **Joanne Sullivan** has provided the flowers.

If you would like to greet people, give flowers or provide and serve refreshments, please sign up on the bulletin board in the vestry.

Office Hours are usually Thursday mornings, 10-1, or other times by appointment (call the church or pastor). Please call ahead to check.

Rev. Franklin Anderson, Pastor and Teacher
Ms. Lynn Foss, Music Director

Ms. Joanne Sullivan, Parish Administrator
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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2011 - 9:30 a.m.

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flowers or do refreshments, please sign up on the bulletin board in the vestry.

Office Hours are usually Thursday mornings, 9-12, or other times by appointment (call the church or pastor). Please call ahead to check.

We invite your **prayers** for: Lydia Ebinger; Ron Smith; I. J. Pinkham; Dylan; Cody; Chet & Eleanor Parker; Rachel; Norm & Betty Rust; Marion Schroeder; Sue Sahlberg; Frank Sampson; Betty Denison; Barbara Catalli; Bud Pitts; the miners in Chile; flood victims in Pakistan; earthquake victims in Haiti; our Search Committee; the unemployed or underemployed.

Calendar

Wednesday: Search Committee, 6-7:30 here

Thursdays: Men's Breakfast Group at Bolsters Mills General Store, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 12: Ladies Circle lunch at Tom's Homestead Restaurant in Bridgton at Noon. Meet at church at 11:30 for carpooling.

Sunday, Oct. 17: Stewardship Comm. after worship

Sunday, Oct. 17: Oxford Union Association meeting in Locke Mills. Details to come.

Sunday, Oct. 31: Pot Luck Lunch after worship with Search Committee presentation

Next Sunday's Scripture

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7
Psalm 66: 1-12

2 Timothy 2: 8-15
Luke 18: 1-8

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Donations for the local food pantry may be left in the baskets in the hallway.

Donations to the Deacons Fund may be placed in the offering today. Please use the brown envelopes in the pew racks. The Deacons Fund is used to help those in need in the local area.

Attendance last week: 36

Thanks to Norton Little, Peter Rearick and Gerry Smith, who laid down plywood, asphalt sheet and gravel yesterday to stop the leak around the boiler room foundation.

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