



**May 12, 2024, 10am**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**The Parish Hall**

(mask optional with appropriate physical distancing)  
& via Facebook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/46922863436>

**Sunday School Seaside Sessions with Hope Rowan:**  
*Love in the Beatitudes:* <https://youtu.be/cysGop2pqIM>

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Licensed Minister Hannah Mondrach, Pianist Hope Rowan

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.  
During Worship in the Parish Hall please feel free to remain seated.*

Ringing of the Worship Bell at 9:55 **Hannah**

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS at 10am **All**

CANDLE LIGHTING to *Spirit of the Living God* **All**

Spirit of the Living God fall a-fresh on me

Spirit of the Living God fall a-fresh on me

Melt me mold me, fill me use me

Spirit of the Living God, fall a-fresh on me

*(Sung twice, second time using "us" instead of "me")*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

H: The Lord Be With You

**All: And also with you**

H: Let us greet one another with an exchange of Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP:

H: Let us praise God for sending Jesus Christ to offer his saving love to us all.

**All: We give God all our praises.**

H: Let our hearts be filled with joyful celebration for the fulfillment of God's promises.

**All: We open our hearts to receive the joy of Christ.**

H: Let us move forward with Jesus Christ as our guiding light.

**All: The light of Jesus Christ is shining in each of us.**

H: Come, let us worship our Risen Christ, whose love and light guide us still.

OPENING SONG: *My Mother's Love*

**Hope & All**

My mother's voice, the power of her teachings,

Live in my soul and guide me still today.

Her caring ways, her timeless words of wisdom

Come forth to help me through each day.

In each challenge, each choice--

Above the world's noise,

I hear my mother's voice.

My mother's faith, her prayers of earnest pleading,

Turned me to God in moment's of despair.

Her calm assurance of God's tender caring,

Taught me to turn to God in prayer.

Through my darkest of days

I reach to feel God's grace.

Such was my mother's faith.

My mother's hands that lifted and protected--

Those loving hands that soothed my fevered brow--  
Were as a shield from every earthly trial,  
And still, the mem'ry helps me now.  
And my heart is aware,  
The strength that I now share  
Came from my mother's hands.

My mother's love, the essence of her being  
Flows in and through me every waking hour.  
A quiet strength grew from her constant caring,  
A legacy of saving pow'r.  
By her words and her touch  
She strengthened me so much.  
I feel my mother's love.

INVOCATION (<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-7b-may-12/>) **Hannah**

Ever present God, we are grateful that you meet us right where we are. Speaking our language and giving us the blessed assurance that you are with us. We look forward to the glory that awaits us, trusting that Christ will guide us to our heavenly home. In his name, we pray. Amen.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

**All**

**We believe in God, our Mother and Father, the Eternal Spirit, who made the heavens and the earth in goodness, and created each of us in the divine image and with a spirit of love.**

**We believe, as Jesus did, in the struggle for justice and peace, and our call to eliminate systemic injustice of all kinds, to create in our community and world a sense of true shalom.**

**We believe that God's divine Spirit guides us in how to live, and so we embrace our relationship with God and with one another,**

striving to erase the borders that separate us from the "other".

We believe that all people are loved equally by God,  
and that God's love is reflected in our love for each  
other, especially through our care for the widowed,  
orphaned, stranger, imprisoned, and materially poor.

We believe in truly being the Church, forgiving often,  
embracing diversity,  
and sharing earthly & spiritual resources.  
In so doing, we love God and find joy in this life.  
**AMEN!**

GLORIA PATRI

All

*Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now & ever shall be, world without end. Amen,  
Amen!*

SCRIPTURE:

*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

Hannah

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Brothers and sisters, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus, for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*John 17:6-19*

Hannah

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

SERMON:     *Motherhood: Reflecting the Love of Christ*             **Hannah**

TIME OF PRAYER, OUR JOYS, & OUR CONCERNS:             **All**  
Sharing of Prayers and Lighting of Candles

*We are sending you light, to hold you, to heal you. We are sending you light, to hold you in love, (sung twice).*

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, the Lord’s Prayer (**newly revised Reformed version**):

**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 let us fall not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Response: *Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.*

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS: (*ibid*)

—**PLEASE** place in basket, mail to Seaside, &/or donate @ (<https://seasideucmdi.org/giving/>)

**Hannah:** From the abundance of God's generosity, all are invited to offer a portion of our gifts. We offer these offerings to Christ's church, remembering the great love that Christ has for all people. We give these gifts to further spread the love of Christ in the world, and we receive joy in this moment of giving.

**All:** Faithful God, we thank you for every gift. We delight in returning a portion of what we have been given back to Christ's church. Your generous love and care for all creation knows no bounds. Like Christ who offered himself, let these offerings symbolize the fulfillment of your love by bringing a healing balm of hope, peace, and justice to everyone, everywhere. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

DOXOLOGY:

**All**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*We gather together across our Community of Faith to share Communion as Jesus did with the disciples & friends.*

*In sharing the Bread of Life & Cup of Blessing together in this space, and at a distance from our own homes, we recall how Christ is resurrected in each of us and the world at our door. **All are welcome to participate fully!***

WORDS OF INVITATION:

**Hannah:** O Holy One, Breath of Life, Originator of Grace, Source of Limitless Love - You call us by name and break down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and one another. WE are the Body of Christ. Around our tables, we re-enact our faith. These are the tables Christ prepares for us, the feast God imagines. This is the Peace that Passes All Understanding, the Peace found in the sharing of a simple meal. In the UCC, our tables are open to all who desire to live in the peace that Jesus the Christ shares, whenever two or more gather together in love.

**Hannah:** God be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**Hannah:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** **We lift them up to God.**

**Hannah:** Let us give thanks to God most high.

**All:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRAYER:

**Hannah:** Renew us, O God, with your Spirit, and bless this bread and cup that, as we share them, we may be the Body of Christ.

**All:** **Amen**

**Hannah:**

When Jesus and his disciples were eating the Passover meal on the night he was betrayed, he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives. All are welcome at Christ's table. The Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing to all!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

**Hannah:** Thank you, God, for calling us and gathering us together to remember your continual presence among us, and for nourishing us to go out and be the Body of Christ in the world.

**All: Amen!**

HYMN: *Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!*

**Hope & All**

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!

Yours the scepter, yours the throne!

Alleluia! Yours the triumph,  
yours the victory alone!

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:

Jesus out of every nation  
you've redeemed us by your blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now.

Alleluia! You are near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received you,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget your promise,  
"I am with you evermore."

Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
you on earth our food, our stay.

Alleluia! Here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
and the songs that sound in heaven  
will repeat your gracious plea.

Alleluia! Christ eternal,  
nothing can disrupt your reign;

Alleluia! Born of Mary,



Heaven and earth are your domain.  
Human life you fully entered,  
tending those we count the least,  
serving both as Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

BENEDICTION:

**Hannah**

Go, now in peace. May the love of God, the love of Christ, and the love of the mothers in your lives, surround you, everywhere you may go.

All: *The Great Amen* (sung)

*Thank you for joining us for Worship today in the  
Parish Hall in NEH!*



## Announcements and Upcoming Events



**PLEASE REMEMBER** that Annual Meeting & Council documents are regularly updated & available throughout the year at: [www.seasideuccmdi.org](http://www.seasideuccmdi.org) & posted in all Seaside buildings.

Copies are available upon request.

**2023 Valentine Award** – Seaside UCC chose a wonderful nominee—Mount Desert Island Search & Rescue—to receive the 2023 Valentine Award and presented a cheque for \$1,000 to Seaside's-own Hannah Mondrach of MDI SAR at Worship on

December 17. Please stay tuned for our summer 2024 Valentine Award dinner details & submit your 2024 nominations to Lee!

**Access the UCC of ME Anti-Racism Pentecost Challenge at:**  
<https://www.maineucc.org/ministries/resourceteams/anti-racism/>

**Seaside Pop-Up Food Pantry in the Parish Hall.** Take what you need, give what you can. Recently re-stocked, items still needed throughout the year include beans, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, cereal, pasta, and tuna fish. Available 24 hours a day! Hannaford gift cards are also available from the Parish Office if needed. **Please contact Lee or Joe.**

**Interested in serving as a Deacon, Lector, or Greeter?** Please sign up before or after Worship. You may also let Deb Andrews, Chair of the Deacons, know at [dandrews02@gmail.com](mailto:dandrews02@gmail.com).

**Lee Maldonado (Administrator) works Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30am to 3:00pm.** Lee will typically be in the Church office on Tuesdays and Fridays. You may reach Lee anytime on the office phone **207.276.5521** or at [officeseasideuccmdi@gmail.com](mailto:officeseasideuccmdi@gmail.com).

**Every Sunday at 9:30am. Choir Practice with Hope Rowan** in the Union Church.

**Every Tuesday at 12pm. Luncheon Devotional & Sharing with Pastor Joe** on Facebook Live. Please join us for a few minutes of thoughtful reflection as we gather together across time & space.

**Tuesdays @ 12pm – UCC of MDI Peals for Peace Program.** Ringing of our Union Church bells as we join the other UCC Congregations in praying for healing & peace in our world.

**Weekly Faith Walks at 7am** – Each month as we continue practicing appropriate physical distancing while walking & sharing our stories among Creation. RSVP to Joe as able.



**Calling All Photographers!** Deacon Shirley Beccue, our website manager, always appreciates a variety of current photos—those including people or taken on private property should be provided with their consent: [sbeccue@roadrunner.com](mailto:sbeccue@roadrunner.com).

**Sunday, May 19th – Sunrise Association Installation Service & Reception** Installation Service for Minister of Faith Formation, Kiah Baxter @ 3 p.m. at the Bar Harbor Congregational Church UCC; More details to follow closer to the date.

**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> - Officers Meeting after Coffee & Conversation, 11:30am.**



See Seaside's Facebook page.  
for Pastor's Corner  
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## MILESTONE'S WE CELEBRATE

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary here, please let Lee know.

### May Birthdays (\*child):

10-Tim Taylor

\*26- Logan Bowden



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH IS AVAILABLE  
EACH WEEK IN OUR WEEKLY EMAIL.**



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Week of May 12, 2024**



Please keep the following in your Prayer Life & Meditation Practice this week:

*(Please note that this listing is updated as information is provided to the Church Office)*

Seaside UCC as we live out the mission & ministries reaffirmed at

our Annual Meeting on February 4;  
For the Sunrise Association, that we may continue to nourish the vibrancy of our shared ministries & programs;  
For 2023 Valentine Award Honoree, MDI Search & Rescue, and their vital work in support of the residents of & visitors to our Island home;  
For Licensed Minister, Hannah Mondrach as she takes her final steps toward Ordination;  
For Rev. Sarah Pringle Lewis, Affiliated Pastor, in her healing as she continues her important ministry with Seaside UCC;  
For our MDI students participating in artistic competitions and season-ending athletic tournaments'  
For the shared ministry of the UCC Congregations on MDI;  
For the important work of Seaside's Outreach Partner, NextStep;  
For all those murdered and harmed by gun violence—especially from the plague of mass shooting massacres across the USA & here in Maine—and all those working for responsible gun reform;  
For our Wabanaki brothers and sisters on whose ancestral land our buildings and grounds reside;  
For our outreach partners & the people of El Salvador keeping faith in the witness of martyrs, while living under an increasingly authoritarian government;  
For all those working to keep reproductive health services readily available across our nation;  
For Immigrants & Refugees seeking a safe home and new beginning as the U.S. continues to serve as an important welcoming nation;  
all those receiving a Novel Coronavirus vaccine, &/or boosters, that they will remain healthy & safe, and for the healing of those struggling with related long-term COVID-induced illness;  
For all those struggling with &/or impacted by ongoing pandemic again wreaking havoc in so many parts of the world as the US death passes 1,127million, (including 3,052 of our fellow Mainers) with more than 771 million cases & 6.9+million deaths worldwide;  
For the Doctors, Nurses, EMT's, Pastors, Social Workers, & First Responders keeping us well;  
For our Congregation as we live out our Pastoral priorities while living into our Just Peace status;

For 2022 Valentine Award honoree, Mount Desert Nursery School, 2021 recipient, Island Connections, and the 2020 recipient, the Mount Desert Nursing Association, in their ongoing ministry among us;  
For the women & girls of Afghanistan seeking dignity and the inherent equality all women deserve;  
For our LGBT+ friends & family as they seek our solidarity & support to live their lives fully;  
For all those working to demilitarize the USA's police force and the police forces exploring reform;  
For all those reminded of and reliving sexual assault and trauma at this time;  
For our neighbors and friends struggling with addiction &/or loneliness;  
For everyone going through the terrifying experiences of illness for themselves &/or loved ones;  
For all those incarcerated, seeking reform in their lives; and,  
For all those nations & peoples impacted by war & violence around our world.

**The following personal prayer requests shared with Pastor Joe &/or one of our Congregation's members recently as part of our Pastoral Care ministry:**

- Healing prayers for Anastasia Brayer, (Sue Damon grandniece), in her ongoing recovery & development;
- The Avila Family at this time of gratitude for health & wellness;
- The Carter & Moore families & friends at this time of mourning
- For Joe & Kathy Cistone (Joe's parents) in their aging and as Kathy recovers from a recent hospitalization .
- Joan and Andy and family as they mourn their dear friends passing (Jerry Olejnick);
- Coastside & Community Response Team;
- Karen Coombs;
- Mark Cross in his recovery & Laura as she cares for their family;
- Healing prayers for Sue Damon & Libby Smith;
- For Sue Damon's daughter Danyelle, as she recovers;
- Fernald family as they mourn their passing of James Fernald;
- For the Harris family;

- Roger & Jeb Innes;
  - James (Jim) Morrison, (Sue Damon's brother and Libby's son) in his time of healing;
  - The Residents of Birch Bay;
  - Our dear friends Judy Richards & family;
  - For the family & friends of Rebekah Sartin;
  - Carolyn Searchfield, Tim's Mother, in her time of healing;
  - Healing prayers for Martha Searchfield in her recovery;
  - Libby Smith in her time of healing;
  - Prayers for Timmy Taylor's healing;
  - Tim & Jeanie Taylor and family as they mourn their Nieces passing (Micayla Kolb);
  - For Seaside Outreach Partner, Mahesh Upadhyaya's—his spouse Meena, daughter Megha, and the entire IPM Family—as they mourn Mahesh's mother Rati's passing February 12;
  - For Mary Wallace;
  - Kate Winters, former co-Pastor of the UCC Church in Belfast, in her time of healing;
- and, five additional special intentions for healing.



PRAYER  
REQUEST

***Please let us know if a Prayer Request needs to be added/updated/removed.***

**Lectionary (Year B) Readings for Sunday May 19**

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21 • John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=94>

***If you would like to schedule a call or visit with a Pastor &/or Deacon, please contact Seaside's Church Administrator, Lee Maldonado, at: 276.5521.***

*You may learn more about the mission & ministries of Seaside UCC at: [www.seasideuccmdi.org](http://www.seasideuccmdi.org)*