



May 19, 2024, 10am
Day of Pentecost, 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: *(inspired by Psalm 104)*

H: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

H: These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

All: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

H: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

All: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

H: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

OPENING SONG: *Let It Breathe On Me*

Hope & All

Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,
Let the breath of the Spirit breathe on me.
Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,
Let the breath of God now breathe on me.

While I'm working, God, in your vineyard here,
I cannot serve without you near;
O come, blessed Spirit, so close to me,
That I may feel you breathe on me.

When the pathway, God, I cannot see,
When the way is hard, O breathe on me;
Give me grace to know, when you are near,
Then, I pray, O Spirit, breathe on me.

INVOCATION (<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-b-may-19/>) **Hannah**

Jesus, our sibling and friend, we thank you for your example, which guides us as we share the good news of God's love with a hurting world. Thank you for protecting us, teaching us, and equipping us to partner with you to work for love and justice. Help us share the joy we've found in our relationship with you. Empower us with the Holy Spirit, that we might testify to God's goodness. 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: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All

that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

SERMON: “*Can These Bones Live?*”

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://seasideuccmdi.org/giving/>)

Hannah: Just as everything given to Jesus comes from God, everything given to us comes from Jesus, the foremost human example for our faith. May we respond to that gift with joy, mindful of the ways God works in this church, intros community, and in this world.

All: **Loving God, we remember that one of Christ’s most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. 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: *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* **Hope & All**

Like the murmur of dove's song,
Like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind's rush,
Like the new flame's eager might:
Come Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,
To the branches of the vine,
To the church in faith assembled,
To our midst as gift and sign;
Come Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,
With the power to love and witness,
With the peace beyond compare:
Come Holy Spirit, come.

BENEDICTION:

Hannah

Christ sends you out to proclaim God's good news! God has done great work in you. Now go and let God work through you! Amen!

All: *The Great Amen* (sung)

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



Announcements and Upcoming Events

**TODAY! 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER that Annual Meeting & Council
documents are regularly updated & available throughout the year at:
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.

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.

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.

Sunday, May 26th - Officers Meeting after Coffee & Conversation, 11:30am.



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

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 19, 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, 2021recipient, 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 26

Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29 • Romans 8:12-17 • John 3:1-17
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=202>

*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*

