



May 28, 2023, 10am
Eighth Sunday of Easter | Year A

From the NEH Parish Hall

(Mask optional with appropriate physical distancing)
Live, preferred, on Seaside's

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Licensed Minister Hannah Mondrach,
Music & Seaside Sessions Hope Rowan

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Ringing of the Worship Bell at 9:55	Hannah
PRELUDE MUSIC	
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS at 10am	All
SEASIDE SESSIONS—Life Lessons for All Ages	

CANDLE LIGHTING	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	
<i>(Sung twice, second time using "us" instead of "me")</i>	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please note that while worshipping within the Parish Hall all may remain seated throughout.

Hannah: The Lord Be With You

All: **And also with you**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: (<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-sunday-a-may-28/>, adapted)

Hannah & All

Hannah: When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place.

All: **Today, followers of the Way gather in many places,**

Hannah: From Jerusalem to Galilee, from Pago Pago to Apia.

All: **From Rome to Arabia, from Mount Desert to Cleveland.**

Hannah: God's Spirit still blows like a mighty wind,

All: **God's Spirit still burns like tongues of flame,**

Hannah: God's Spirit still flows like currents of living water,

All: **Connecting hearts of all believers.**

Hannah: Let us worship God, from whom all life's blessings flow!

OPENING SONG: *This is the Day*

All

This is the day, this is the day.

That our God has made, that our God has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice,

And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day

That our God has made.

This is the day, this is the day.

Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice,

And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day Jesus rose again,

We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
Jesus rose again,

This is the day, this is the day.
When the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
When the Spirit came.

INVOCATION (*ibid, adapted*)

Hannah

O Holy Spirit, come and blow through this gathering space as a Mighty Wind, as you did with the apostles at the beginning of the Church. Pour your Spirit upon us all. Be present in our songs, words, and prayers. Fill our spiritual gifts with your power, so that we can prophesy, share wisdom, heal, speak, and discern in Your name. 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** (inclusive language version):

All

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen!

SCRIPTURE:

Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake?"

Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were

sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

SERMON: *Pentecost: Past, Present, Future*

Hannah

TIME OF PRAYER, OUR JOYS, & OUR CONCERNS: **All**
Sharing of Prayers and Lighting of Candles (may be spoken on Zoom
or typed into Facebook Live):

*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: (<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-sunday-may-28/>)

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

Hannah: At the birth of the Church, all who believed were together and had all things in common: they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. The work of the Holy Spirit flows like living water from the hearts of believers. Let our confidence in the mission of our congregation and the wider church also overflow freely with generosity. May each give without measure so that the larger family of faith may be a vessel of Good News to the world!

All: **Heavenly God, even as the first believers did in the early church, we lay our gifts at the feet of the apostles. May these gifts support the ministry of our congregation as well as strengthen the wider United Church of Christ and its partners around the world. Give our leaders gifts of discernment for wisest possible use of these resources which we dedicate to you today. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you! 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!

CLOSING SONG: *You Shall Prophesy, All My People*

All

Refrain:

*You shall prophesy, all my people,
You shall prophesy once more,
That your voice may echo all the cries
Of the people who are oppressed.
You shall prophesy, all my people,
You shall prophesy once more,
To the poor announce the coming
Of a new society.*

Announce to all the peoples
The covenant renewed:
The promise of God's justice,
Blossoming forth in peace.

Refrain

Denounce those who are causing,
All those oppressed to cry,
Truth will be your protection,
The light of a new sun.

Refrain

BENEDICTION: *(ibid)*

Hannah

Dear sisters and brothers, God's Holy Spirit goes with you, blows with you, and flows with you. Let us take our gifts, and with the

power of the Spirit working within us, carry God's message to the ends of the Earth. Amen.

All: The Great Amen (sung)

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

PLEASE REMEMBER that Council & Annual Meeting documents are available throughout the year at:
www.seasideuccmdi.org.

They are also posted in all Seaside buildings.
Copies available upon request.

***Please note that due to pandemic-related health concerns, the activities and events listed below may, if not already noted, be postponed &/or live-streamed. We will update you as possible.**

Community Peace Flags

Peace Flag Project is on hold until further notice.



Access the Anti-Racism Pentecost Challenge of the Maine UCC's Anti-Racism Task Force materials at:

<https://www.maineucc.org/ministries/resourceteams/anti-racism/>

2023 Valentine Award – please submit nominations to Lee in the Church Office. We plan to present this year’s award and host a related dinner in the summer.

Seaside Pop-Up Food Pantry in the Parish Hall. Take what you need, give what you can. Items needed now 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.

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.

The Church office will be closed May 29 in honor of Memorial Day

Interested in serving as a Deacon, Lector, or Greeter? Please sign up before or after Worship. You may also let Susan Carroll, Chair of the Deacons, know: susanfindlaycarroll@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.

Faith Walks at 7am – Each month (weekly in summer) 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.

MDI Racial Equity Working Group Spring Speaker Series

~**Thursday, June 8 – Jacques Newell Taylor, Janine "JG"**

Georgette, and Athena Witham – "Continuing Dr. King's Legacy: Antidotes to Self-Deception and Comfortable Vanity"

~**Thursday, June 15 – Ian Yaffe – "Racial Disparities in Healthcare in Maine: A Conversation with Ian Yaffe, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Maine Department of Health and Human Services"**

<https://www.jesuplibrary.org/events?view=calendar&month=05-2023>

Sunday, June 25, 11:30am-12:30pm: Council Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday, June 27 at 8am: Officers Meeting in the lower-level meeting room & on Zoom.

Sunday, August 6, 9am – THUYA GARDEN WORSHIP SERVICE. Please join us & invite your friends to Seaside's special, annual, Worship Service in this beautiful setting featuring MDI's world-renown, classical guitarist, Kevin Morse, and our shared reflections on Creation!

MILESTONE'S WE CELEBRATE

May Birthdays (*child):

10-Tim Taylor

*26- Logan Bowden

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



See Seaside's Facebook page.
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MDNA- The Mount Desert Nursing Association is dedicated to serving the health care needs of the Island of Mount Desert's seasonal and year-round residents.

The MDNA also supports our island community by offering preventive and health education programs. Call 276-5184

MDNA Loan Closet- At home medical equipment at your fingertips. Wheelchairs, walkers, incontinence care, canes, crutches, and medical equipment. Call Kassi 276-5184

Seaside Pop-Up & Bar Harbor Food Pantry collection. Please bring non-perishable items and hygienic products to the NEH Parish Hall. Feel free to take what you need & leave what you can!

The BH Pantry NEEDS VOLUNTEERS. Sign up:

<https://signup.barharborfoodpantry.org/>. Please see Seaside's own Tim Searchfield, a Pantry Board Member, to learn more.

Island Connections—2021 Seaside UCC Valentine Award

Recipient—needs volunteer drivers! Learn more at:

www.islconnections.org. Make a difference for our neighbors in need!

Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County—Bereavement support, Grieving Groups, and workshops. If you are interested, please call Hospice at 667-2531 or see <https://www.hospiceofhancock.org/> for details.

AFFM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS – Please call to talk with Lauri Legere about the many ways you can help children and families at: 1-800-833-9786 or Email lauri@affm.net

The Community Closet (near the Bowling Alley in Ellsworth) is open Mon. & Wed. 10-3, Fri. 10-5 and some Saturdays. Please contact them for potentially revised hours during the pandemic.

Neighborhood House's Community Cafe Begins Thursday October 20<https://wdea.am/neighborhood-houses-community-cafe-begins-thursday-october-20/>



PRAYER REQUESTS

Week of May 28, 2023



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)

For each of us as we live into the promise of this Easter Season;
For our Sunrise Association, ME UCC, as we join together to represent our faith communities in DownEast Maine;
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—and those working for responsible gun reform;
For our Wabanaki brothers and sisters on whose ancestral land our buildings and grounds reside;
For Adela & the people of El Salvador keeping faith in the witness of martyrs, while living under an increasingly authoritarian government;
For Seaside UCC, Hannah & Sarah, as we live into the promise of a new model of shared ministry;
For the Mount Desert Nursery School—2022 Valentine Honoree—that their remarkable work with our local children & grandchildren;
For our new Maine UCC Conference Minister Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola's ministry among us;
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;
For 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 safety, care, and respect as we continue to Worship in and from the Union Church and the Parish Hall this Spring.
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 3,038 of our fellow Mainers) with more than 766million cases & 6.9+million deaths worldwide;
For the Doctors, Nurses, EMT's, Pastors, Social Workers, & First Responders keeping us well;

For Teachers, Administrators, Coaches, Support Staff, and Students, in the 2023 spring semester;

For local business, non-profit organizations, and others struggling to make ends meet while trying to safely & responsively continue operations in the midst of RSV & new COVID variants;

For our Congregation as we live out our Pastoral priorities while living into our Just Peace status;

For the entire United Church of Christ as we reflect & prepare for General Synod 34 in Indianapolis, 2023;

For the ongoing work of 2021 Valentine Award honoree, 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;

For the people of Syria & Turkey still recovering from the massive earthquakes more than a month on; and,

For all those nations & peoples impacted by war & violence around our world.

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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;
- Coastside & Community Response Team;

- Alice Carter in her time of healing;
- Joan Carey in her time of healing;
- The Coombs family & friends at this time of transition;
- Mark Cross in his recovery and Laura as she cares for their family;
- Healing prayers for Sue Damon & Libby Smith;
- For Sue Damon's daughter Danyelle, in her recovery;
- Prayers of comfort for the Family & Friends of Less Foss;
- Prayers of comfort for Stephani Morrison Hrbek & all those mourning Joe's mentor & friend, George Hrbek;
- Roger & Jeb Innes;
- Larry & Jacob Legutko and all those here on MDI & around the world mourning Cinnamon's passing;
- For long-time Deacon Hannah Mondarch, as she continues her Licensed Ministry at Seaside while seeking ordination;
- 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 as they mourn Steve's passing;
- Carolyn Searchfield, Tim's Mother, in her time of healing;
- Somesville Union Meeting House, UCC, in this time of transition and welcoming their new pastor Rev. Vicki Reeser;
- Tim & Jeanie Taylor and family as they mourn their Nieces passing (Micayla Kolb);
- For Seaside Outreach Partner, Mahesh Upadhyaya's mother Rati as receives vital medical care in India;
- For Mary Wallace in her healing;
- 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 June 4
Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8 • 2 Corinthians
13:11-13 • Matthew 28:16-20

*If you would like to schedule a call or “distant” visit with a
Pastor or a 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*