

September 29, 2024

**Williston-Immanuel United Church
Portland, Maine**



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ORDER of WORSHIP

10:00 am

Welcome

Kate Borduas

***Gathering Song**

“We are Marching in the Light of God”

South African Song

Words to ponder

Yeah, we all could use a little mercy now
I know we don't deserve it, but we need it anyhow
We hang in the balance, dangle 'tween hell and hallowed ground
And every single one of us could use some mercy now

--Mary Gauthier

Music for Centering

“Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

arr. Keveren

Opening Words

Kate Borduas

***Hymn**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Thomas O. Chisholm

The God Box

Brenda Moulton

Scripture

Daniel 2:1-20

Message

“Mysteries and Mercy”

Rev. Stephen Carnahan

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Prayers of the People (Please use any name for God you prefer for 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 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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Kate Borduas

*Want to give electronically? See the back page.
If you are new here and have filled out a "Wanna Do
Some Good" form, please place it in the offertory plate
so that we might donate \$5 to our special offering.*

Choral Offering

“Lord, Lead Me, Lord”

Gilbert M. Martin

Shepherd and guide me, stay close beside me, Lord, lead me Lord
Tend and protect me, bend and direct me, Lord, lead me Lord
Last in my sleeping, first in my day, ever my Master, always my way
Touch me completely, hear when I pray: “Dear Lord, lead me Lord, lead me
Lord”

Anchor and hold me, shape and remold me, Lord, lead me Lord
Pilot and steer me, comfort and cheer me, Lord, lead me Lord
Last in my sleeping, first in my day, ever my Master, always my way
Touch me completely, hear when I pray: “Dear Lord, lead me Lord, lead me
Lord”

Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only that makest me dwell in safety

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn**

“Depth of Mercy”

Charles Wesley

Benediction

Postlude

“Rubrics I: "'Hallelujah' has been restored...”

Dan Locklair

This Sunday's altar flowers are in honor of our daughter, Hannah.

From Kate and Arthur Borduas

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Ps. 89:15

South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are

hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - ham - ba.
kha - nyen' kwen-khos', ham - ba, si - ya -
light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are
the light of God.

Oo, si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.
ham - ba, hum - ba,
march-ing, Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.
march-ing, march-ing.

Last time, end

This South African song and fourteen others were first recorded and published in 1980 by the Church of Sweden Mission and the singing group "Fjedur" after a visit they made to South Africa. The subsequent 1984 collection Freedom Is Coming brought the songs to a worldwide audience.

Tune: SIYAHAMBA 1rr.
South African song

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man-i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes.

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature as the first system. The lyrics continue below the upper staff, ending with a double bar line.

Depth of Mercy

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1. Depth of mer - cy! Can there be mer - cy
 2. I have long with - stood his grace, long pro -
 3. I my Mas - ter have de - nied, I a -
 4. There for me the Sav - ior stands, shows his
 5. Now in - cline me to re - pent, let me

still re - served for me? Can my God his
 voked him to his face, would not heark - en
 fresh have cru - ci - fied, oft pro - faned his
 wounds and spreads his hands. God is love! I
 now my sins la - ment, now my foul re -

wrath for - bear, me, the chief of sin - ners, spare?
 to his calls, grieved him by a thou - sand falls.
 hal - lowed name, put him to an o - pen shame.
 know, I feel; Je - sus weeps and loves me still.
 volt de - plore, weep, be - lieve, and sin no more.

Meet and Greet October 13th

Are you new to WIUC? Would you like to learn more about Williston-Immanuel United Church? Then you are cordially invited to our Fall Meet and Greet on October 13th after worship.

Meet other new people and get to know some members of our congregation. Enjoy a light lunch as we all share what we love about our church family.

If you are you ready to commit to being a full participant in the life of this congregation and deepening your faith in the service of God and would like to become a member of WIUC, we will be welcoming folks into our church family on November 24th during worship. November 24th is also Gratitude Sunday.

If you are interested in attending the Meet and Greet or in becoming a member, please let Kate Borduas, chair of the Deacons, or Pastor Reba know. kateborduas@gmail.com reba@wiuc.org A meeting with prospective new members will be scheduled for the convenience of participants.



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Because of God's great love we are not consumed, for God's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. —Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)

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Thank you! The Outreach Committee

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Fill out our “Wanna do some good?” form in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We will donate \$5 in your name to our Special Offering this month and get you on our mailing list. Or you can simply text **WIUC** to **84576** to receive our **All Church Email (ACE)**.

Who are we? Williston-Immanuel United Church is an inclusive Christian community that promotes faith, fellowship, social justice and love, compassionately reaching out to our broader community, celebrating our diversity, and affirming everyone’s spiritual journey.

Acceptance without conditions, affirmation without discrimination these are the goals of Williston-Immanuel United Church. ***For more info about us, go to www.wiuc.org***

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WEEK OF 9/29-10/5

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