

July 28, 2024

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



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ORDER of WORSHIP

10:00 am

Welcome

***Gathering Song**

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

Caribbean melody

Words to ponder

“...But the human tongue is a beast that few can master. It strains constantly to break out of its cage, and if it is not tamed, it will run wild and cause you grief.”

--Robert Greene

Music for Centering

“Higher Ground”

arr. Labenske

Opening Words

Claire Putnam

***Hymn**

“In the Garden”

C. Austin Miles

The God Box

Scripture

Proverbs 25:11-12 (CEB)

Message

“Sticks and Stones”

Rev. Reba Delzell

**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 *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.*

There is also a QR code on the back page for electronic giving.

Musical Offering

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn**

"Just A Closer Walk with Thee"

American Folk Song

Benediction

Postlude

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

arr. Keveren

Halleluja

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Traditional

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Above the staff, the chords A, E A D, Bm, and E are indicated. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Above the staff, the chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, and A are indicated. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

*This joyous response may be used following readings of scripture,
or as a processional or recessional, especially during Easter.*

Tune: HALLELUJA
Caribbean melody

In the Garden

(I Come to the Garden Alone)

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone while the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with him though the night a -

still on the ros - es, and the voice I hear fall - ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me
 round me be fall - ing, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe

Refrain

the Son of God dis - clos - es.
 with - in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 his voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

WORDS: C. Austin Miles, 1913 (Jn. 20:11-18)
 MUSIC: C. Austin Miles, 1913; adapt. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

GARDEN
 89.557 with Refrain

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Traditional

I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?_
When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;_

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I'll be sa - tis - fied as long_ As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares?_ None but Thee, dear, Lord, none but Thee.
Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er_ To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.

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Just a clo - ser walk with Thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,_

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Dai - ly wal - king close to Thee,_ Let it be, dear, Lord, let it be.

BEING IN THE COMMUNITY

THIS Saturday
August 3
12-3 pm
POOL PARTY

Please join us for a church pool party with WIUC, the Tree of Life Gospel Church, and the Sudanese Presbyterian Church at the Diroff's home in Scarborough.
If you need a ride, please let Pastor Reba know.

The Diroff home is at **19 Coulthard Farms Road in Scarborough**. To help identify it, it's yellow. Park on the street. Enter through the gate at the end of the driveway. Hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert or drink to share. The Diroffs have two medium-sized, friendly dogs. Chairs are available but bring a blanket if you'd like to sit on the grass.

NEXT Friday
August 9
6 pm
Sea Dogs Game

If you've signed up for tickets, please pay Ted Malette. Pay 8\$ in cash, by check or through Venmo at @ted-malette. There's a QR code link to Ted's Venmo on the back page of this bulletin. **If you cannot afford to pay for your ticket please speak to Pastor Reba. We don't want anyone left out!**

CHURCH STAFF

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One Time Offering QR code



Our Publications:

Weekly All Church Email
(ACE)

Monthly *Insight* Newsletter



Scan to pay Ted Malette
for your Sea Dogs tickets

Music license: CCLI #312373

New Here?

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**

Mark your calendar

August 3 12-3 pm Pool Party at the Diroff residence (See All Church Email for details)

August 8 Sea Dogs game (QR code to pay for your tickets is to the left)

September 15th Sunday WIUC Homecoming and all church gathering

Opening words written by Joanna Harader. Posted on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com/2012/01/18/wednesday-worship-piece-isaiah/>