

# September 1, 2024

Williston-Immanuel United Church  
Portland, Maine



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**ORDER of WORSHIP**

10:00 am

**Welcome**

**\*Gathering Song**      “We are Marching in the Light of God”      South African Song

**Words to ponder**

*“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”*

- Mahatma Gandhi

**Music for Centering**      “God of Ages, History's Maker”      arr. Faye Lopez

**Opening Words**      Deborah Delzell

Come and worship!

*We will praise the One between, within, and over.*

Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

*Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same.*

Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

*We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.*

Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

*We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!*

**\*Hymn**      “God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”      George W. Briggs

**The God Box**

**Scripture**      Luke 16:19-31

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## Communion

### Communal Prayer

Gracious and generous God,  
you lavishly bestow the gift of your love.  
Forgive us, we pray—  
when we don't see or recognize your gifts  
for what they are;  
when we think we have somehow earned  
or are entitled to your generosity;  
when we take what you give  
and beg you for more;  
when we hoard our gifts  
and do not hear the mournful cry  
of those around us;  
when our desire for more  
plunges us into ruin and destruction.  
Teach us the ways of godliness,  
and grant us a spirit of contentment,  
that we may be grateful for your provision  
and share the gifts you give with others.  
As we are blessed by you,  
so may we be a blessing to others,  
in the name of your matchless gift,  
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Words of Assurance**

People of God, do not set your hopes  
on the uncertainty of riches,  
but rather on the richness of God,  
who provides us everything for our enjoyment.  
Be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*Hymn**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Traditional Spiritual

## **Blessing and Receiving of the Elements**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

(Source: Ferntree Gully Conference, Victoria)

**God, who cares for us,  
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe  
Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.  
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.  
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.  
Forgive us our wrongdoing  
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.  
Protect us from pride and from despair  
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.  
In you is all truth, meaning, glory and power  
while worlds come and go. 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.*

## **Musical Offering**

**\*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**

## **Announcements**

**Sung Benediction**                      “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

(You are invited to form a circle around the Sanctuary for this song)

**Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above. Amen.**

*Today's altar flowers are from Bill and Jean Holt in celebration of  
end-of-summer family anniversaries.*

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

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

*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 "Fjelur" after a visit they made in South Africa. The subsequent 1984 collection Freedom Is Coming brought the songs to a worldwide audience.*

Tune: SIYAHAMBA Irr.  
South African song

# 108 God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

1. God hath spo-ken by the proph-ets, spo-ken the un -  
 2. God hath spo-ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er -  
 3. God yet speak eth by the Spir - it, speak eth to our

chang - ing Word, each from age to age pro - claim - ing,  
 last - ing Son; bright-ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry,  
 hearts a - gain; in the age-long Word ex - pound - ing

God the One, the righ-teous Lord! 'Mid the world's de-spair and  
 with the Fa-ther ev - er one; spo-ken by the Word in -  
 God's own mes-sage, now as then. Thru the rise and fall of

tur - moil, one firm an-chor hold-eth fast: God e - ter-nal  
 car - nate, God of God, ere time was born; Light of Light, to  
 na - tions, one sure faith yet stand-ing fast, God a - bides, the

WORDS: George W. Briggs, 1952, alt.  
 MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams, 1890

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reigns for - ev - er, God the first, and God the last.  
earth de - scend - ing, Christ, as God in hu - man form.  
Word un - chang - ing, God the first, and God the last.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. There are two triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in the treble staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)  
 (2. Let us) drink wine to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)  
 (3. Let us) praise God to - geth - er on our knees, (on our knees)

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 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me) 2. Let us  
 3. Let us

\*May end after stanza 3

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual (Acts 2:42)

MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986

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LET US BREAK BREAD

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# **BEING IN THE COMMUNITY**

## **POOL PARTY September 7 12-3 pm**

Please join us for a church pool party with 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 the house, it's yellow. Park on the street. Enter through the gate at the end of the driveway. Hotdogs will be provided.

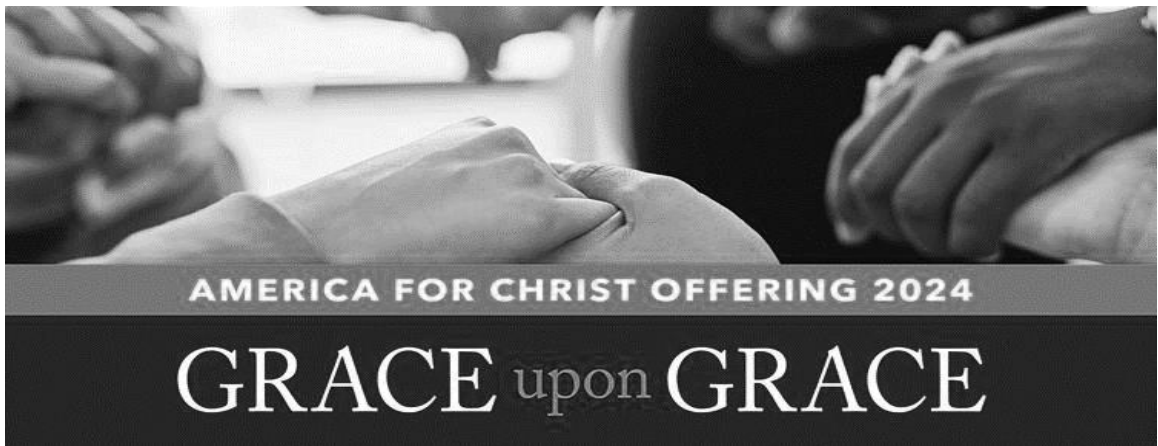
## **HOME COMING AND ALL CHURCH GATHERING September 15**



American Baptist Home Mission Societies

## **Do You Know What the 2024 America For Christ Offering theme is ?**

The theme is:



**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)**

**The Outreach Committee will send \$100 "seed" money. If you would like to help this amount grow, use the special envelopes, donate on the [wiuc.org](http://wiuc.org) web page, or send your gift to the church Attn: Linda Russell. Please indicate that your gift is for the September Special Offering. Your generosity and care will be greatly appreciated.**

**Thank you! The Outreach Committee**

## CHURCH STAFF

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## One Time Offering QR code



### ***Our Publications:***

**Weekly All Church Email  
(ACE)**

**Monthly *Insight* Newsletter**



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## 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](http://www.wiuc.org)***

## Mark your calendar

Saturday September 7 POOL PARTY at the Diroff Residence

September 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday WIUC Homecoming and all church gathering