

**Church on the Cape  
United Methodist Church**

**May 5, 2024**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**COMMUNION -**  
**The meal that makes us one.**



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Rev. Sammie Maxwell

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING

Susie Goodwin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sammie Maxwell

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

**“Come and Find A Quiet Center”**

Wendy Hagarty

Welcome to this time of Worship. Today the service is not our traditional order or style for either Worship or Communion. Several lay people will be assisting as readers and celebrants with the Worship service and Holy Communion. It is hoped this service will inspire a deeper meaning for this sacrament.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Holy One, we walk a worship path toward you. Our steps are strengthened by the knowledge that we do not walk alone. You found out what we were doing and you intervened. “Come and live together, come and live with me, ” you said. “This is the way: I am the way.” You offered us bread and wine. So, thank you, Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN

**“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

UMH # 618

Verses 1-3

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE VOICE: Here we come; the broken-hearted, the unemployed , the fearful ones, the guilty ones, the lonely, the anxious, the despairing, the grief-stricken.

**MANY VOICES: Here we come to the table again, to the Holy Table set for us unholy saints.**

ONE VOICE: Here we come; those who have too much and those who have too little, those who are sick and those who are well, those who are hopeless and those who are hopeful. Here we come all together because you, O God, have asked us to love one another, (no matter what) and to be one family.

**ALL: Here we come, men and women, young and old, short and tall, straight and gay, and every skin color and class imaginable. And you receive and welcome us all. And we give thanks! Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON) (This version of the Lord's Prayer comes from "A New Zealand Prayer Book")

**Eternal Spirit, Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,  
Source of all that is and shall be, Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name  
echo through the universe! The way of your justice be fol-  
lowed by all the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be  
done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and  
freedom, sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread  
we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one  
another, forgive us. In the times of temptation and test,  
strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From  
the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of  
the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME: A child's favorite hymn at any age.

**"Jesus Loves Me"** Verses 1 – 3 UMH # 191

Reader Bruce Donath

A MEAL OF MANY NAMES -*Rev. George McClain*

Holy Communion offers sustenance, nourishment, and grace for our journey. Something in us hungers mightily to express itself in ritual. The language of ritual helps us express what is inexpressible through mere words. Holy Communion embodies the living presence of the risen Christ among us.

We Christians call this meal by a number of different names. For some, it is the Lord's Supper or the Last Supper, reflecting that it was Jesus who presided at this, his last meal with the disciples. For others it is Holy Communion— "Holy" meaning "of God", "sacred"; and "Communion" meaning "sharing" or "fellowship". Holy Communion literally is a "Sacred Fellowship". The Eastern Church—the Orthodox call it the "Divine Liturgy", indicating its sacred and holy nature as well as its prescribed pattern in the words set forth by people and priest as "the work of the people." And there is the Mass—a celebration as well as mysterious reenactment of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Many have come to call it the Eucharist— giving thanks to God, not just for the gifts of mercies received, but for the gift of salvation in Christ. By any name, it is the primary act

of worship of the Christian faith. As a sacrament, it is the “outward and visible means to an inward and spiritual grace.” In our act of eating bread and drinking wine, Jesus becomes for us the true Living Bread. In the communion liturgy, we say, “It is a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks.” Let us come with Joy and give our thanks.

Reader Rev. Desmond Parker

CONCERNING THIS SACRAMENT AS IT IS A MEANS OF GRACE:

Words from Rev. John Wesley

We often consider this Holy Sacrament as a memorial of the death of Christ, and as a sign of those graces wherewith he sustains and nourishes believing souls. But this is not all, much more is contained in the memorial of representation. This sacrament conveys grace and blessing to the believer. Come to God’s altar with a full persuasion that these words, “this is my body” promise more than a symbol, that this Holy Banquet is not a bare memorial only but actually convey many blessings to the receiver... Here then I wait at the Lord’s table... Amen, my Lord and my God! Give me all which you show, and grant that may faithfully keep all that you give. Bless your Ordinance and make it an effective means of your grace. Then bless and sanctify my heart also. O, my Father, here I offer up to you my soul; and you offer to me your Son.

\*HYMN

**“I Come With Joy”**

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SCRIPTURE

John 15: 12-17

CONFESSION AND PARDON

UMH # 12

Reader Bill Goodwin

UNITY AT THE TABLE -Bishop William Willimon

Why has Communion, especially the attempts to define Christ’s presence been divisive? Our divisions are no more evident than at a table and the people you would eat with and wouldn’t eat with. We’re smart enough to know that eating is a very intimate activity. You take care whom you invite to dinner. Southern segregationists were smart enough to know they had to keep blacks away from lunch counters, because if you dare ask people to sit down with you, even at a lunch

counter, you've got to admit they're human beings. We also know that barriers are most readily broken at the table. The meal is an intimate, communal, uniting experience, and it's also a risky, scary time when we try to erect boundaries. For Christians, it ought to be a sign of unity. It is a tragedy that of all things this should be mark of division.

OFFERING                    **“Change My Heart, O God”**

Wendy Hagarty, Ted Hagarty

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive our gifts O Lord.

Reader Susie Goodwin

FOLLOW THE BREAD

In Jesus' day, you could tell how much people earned by the kind of bread they ate. Rich people ate bread from fine milled wheat flour. Poor people ate coarser barley cakes. In Jesus' day, "give us this day our daily bread" was a prayer you prayed for your children's lives. Maybe that is why so many of Jesus' teachings involved bread and so many stories involved eating together. "Follow the bread and it is hard not to believe that Jesus was just as dedicated to the health of people's God-made bodies as spirits." Follow the bread and it will lead you to the source of all life—not only for you and not only for your flock, but for everyone.

*-Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor Episcopal Priest and Professor*

GRANDMOTHER'S BREAD

Rev. Sammie Maxwell

HOLY COMMUNION

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\*HYMN

**“One Bread, One Body”**

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BENEDICTION

Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

**“Sweet Sweet Spirit”**

Wendy and Ted Hagarty

## THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

<b>Mon. May 6</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tue. May 7</b>	10:00 a.m. Knitters 11:30 a.m. Picnic Lunch (Bring Your Own Food) 2– 4 p.m. Cargo Shop Open 3-4 p.m. Guitar Lessons
<b>Wed. May 8</b>	8:30 a.m. Evangelism Committee 1:00 p.m. Missions Outreach 3:45 p.m. Senior Moments 7:00 p.m. Trustees
<b>Thu. May 9</b>	9:00 a.m. Ministry of Caring 2– 4 p.m. Cargo Shop Open 4:00 p.m. Worship Committee 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice
<b>Fri. May 10</b>	Office Closed
<b>Sat. May 11</b>	10 a.m.—12 p.m. Cargo Shop Open

## LOOKING AHEAD

<b>Sun. May 12</b>	9:45 a.m. Hymn Sing 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11:30 a.m. SPRC
<b>Mon. May 13</b>	Office Closed 1:00 p.m. Senior Moments Rehearsal
<b>Tue. May 14</b>	10:00 a.m. Knitters 11:30 a.m. Picnic Lunch (Bring Your Own Food) 12:30 p.m. Bible / Book Study 2– 4 p.m. Cargo Shop Open 3-4 p.m. Guitar Lessons 7:00 pm. Finance Committee Meeting
<b>Wed. May 15</b>	3:45 p.m. Senior Moments
<b>Thu. May 16</b>	2– 4 p.m. Cargo Shop Open 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice
<b>Fri. May 17</b>	Office Closed
<b>Sat. May 18</b>	10:00 am – 12:00 pm Cargo Shop Open
<b>Sun. May 19</b>	9:45 a.m. Hymn Sing 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Nominating Committee

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Barbara (Sharon's Sister)	Ellie Leech's Family and Friends
Connie Lou (Friend of Judy Tripp)	Rev. Andrea Leininger
Eileen (Friend of Judy Tripp)	Charity Perry Liutai
Scott Beppler	Nick & Kit Marcocci
Peter Brewer	-Thomas Robert
Alice and Roy Bruton	Tom Marshall
Judy Cadieux	Terry Moulton
Julie Chase	Nancy & Mark Russo
Keith Chisholm	Lettie Samuel
Mary Heather Cookson	Roberta Sanborn
Risha Deary	Kristy Spence
Bob & Sally Ewton	Sandy St. Jean
Matthew Gould	Pat & Charlie Towne
Elaine Grubbs	Elaine Triplett
Steven Horan	Chuck Wildes
Jeanne Howarth	Rev. Barry Wood
Patti Hutchins	All Others Who Are Sick
Lesla Kraft Angelos	
Brett LaCour	
Nicholas LaCour	

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

2	Jim Lennon
3	Brian Nason & John Neff
<b>6</b>	<b>Emery Hutchins</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>David Smith</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Beth Doty</b>
18	Dottie King & Rev. Desmond Parker
20	Jean Moulton
22	George Acker & Susie Goodwin
23	Doug Bibber
25	Wes Phillips
27	Cynthia Nickel
28	Fran Liautaud

*If you would like a birthday added to the list, please let the office know.  
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## IN REMEMBRANCE

Russell Pepe (December 11, 1937 -April 4, 2024) died following a valiant struggle with cancer.

Born and raised in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, Russell attended Colby College in Waterville, where he received the Scholar's Medal in Mathematical Logic and recognition for an undefeated season in wrestling. He continued at Boston University where he received two Masters' degrees majoring in the fields of social ethics, moral philosophy, and theology. One of the highlights of his stay in beautiful Scotland was the opportunity to play the drums for a set of songs by noted jazz singer, Sarah Vaughan.

Following his education, Russell settled in Maine to live and serve United Methodist churches in Cape Porpoise, Gorham, Auburn, Bangor, New Sharon, Farmington, and Bath before retiring in Lewiston. He was happy to have been named Pastor Emeritus of Auburn UMC in recognition of an association of fifty years with the parish. He taught as adjunct faculty at Boston University and at the University of Maine, Portland-Gorham (now the University of Southern Maine), and enjoyed hilling, camping, reading, writing, spook movies, and photography. He kept an extensive collection of Nikon cameras, both digital and film, and enjoyed most using his film cameras to create the black and white negatives that he then developed and printed on silver gelatin paper in his darkrooms, portraits of friends and family being his preferred subjects.

Russell was predeceased by his mother and father; as well as his sister Diane, an accomplished psychiatric nurse; and his son Brian. He is survived by his brothers Richard and Michael Jr., his cousins Judy and Jeannie; his children, Eric and Lisa and her partner Rick, Brian's partner Hannah; and his seven grand and step-grandchildren, Alexander and his wife Kati, Robyn and her partner Kit, Michael, Joey, Morgan, Kayla, and Lily (also known as Alex); and by many wonderful friends.

His ashes will be scattered on a river in Maine to then be carried on its current to the sea and beyond.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Auburn United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn, on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.