

# WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD: JAN. 22, 2012

**Prelude:** Eliot: *The Quiet Call of Christ*; Southbridge:  
*Following Thee*

*(Please share a quiet moment after the lighting of the candles.)*

**Introit:** Haas: *We Are Called*

**Welcome/Announcements/Celebrations**

**Greeting:** *(a minute to hear each others' names)*

**\*Hymn: #495** Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*A Time for Our Children and Youth*

**Peace Candle** *(reading is in pew and inside bulletin)*

God calls me out of darkness to live in light,  
God calls me out of falsehood to live in truth,  
God calls me out of despair to live in hope,  
God calls me out of fear to live in trust,  
God calls me out of hate to live in love,  
God calls me out of war to live in peace.  
I am called by God to fill my heart, my world,  
my universe, with peace, peace, peace. Amen.

**Call to Worship:**

One: Come, walk along the shores of Galilee with Jonah and Jesus.

**All: We have come to encounter God's call.**

One: The Sea can be violent and dangerous.

**All: Life on the land is sometimes violent.**

One: At other times, the Sea is calm and beautiful.

**All: Life on the land is sometimes calm.**

One: God calls us to live life in the calm of love's peace.

**All: We gather here in response to Jesus' call,**

**"Come to me, all you who are carrying the heavy things of life, and I will give you rest."**

Amen.

**Scripture:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20

**Exegesis/Theme of the Day**

**We Give Together**

**Offering:** Kendall: *The Call to Serve*

**\*Doxology:**

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

**We Pray Together**

**\*Unison Prayer:**

God, whose perfect love casts out fear, forgive us for being afraid of you in the past. May the awareness of the depth of your love enable us to forgive those who taught us to be afraid of you. May they also abandon their fear as quickly as Simon and Andrew left their nets to follow Jesus.

Fear is guilty; faith is pardoned.

Fear is crippling; faith is healing.

Fear is closing in; faith is opening up.

Fear of God is time consuming;

Faith in God is timeless.

God, whose perfect love casts out fear, help us eradicate the fear of you from the Earth by learning to love others more perfectly. Amen.

**\*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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Choir:** Liebergen: *African Call to Peace*

**Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer**

**Hymn: #502** Dear God, Embracing Humankind

**We Learn Together**

**Sermon:** *Faith without Fear*

**Congregational Welcome to New Members:**

We joyfully welcome you into our church family. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the life and mission of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love and be witnesses of that love to our world

**We Go To Live Our Faith Together**

**\*Hymn:#173** You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** Barnett: *Sound the Call!*

*\*Standing*

*Please gather in the Parish House for fellowship*

**SOMESVILLE UNION MEETING HOUSE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**January 22, 2012**

Minister: **Rev. Victor C. Stanley**

Director of Music: **Dr. Jamie Hagedorn**

Scripture Reader: **Dick Crawford**

**Today: A day of rejoicing!**

We are blessed to welcome six new members this morning: **Helen Barry, William Bigelow, Rick and Alice Eschholz, David Lamon, and Elizabeth Pouwels.**

~ Immediately following the service we will gather for a potluck lunch in the Parish House followed by **Annual Meeting.**

~ **Sunday School** will begin with worship with the congregation and then continue in the Parish House with lessons and activities

~ Last Sunday was **Food Pantry Sunday** but you are invited to bring your donations in at anytime. There is a donation can on the table in the church foyer, and baskets on either side of the table for non-perishable food, household items and pet food.

~ Many thanks to **Nancy Jones** for all her work in putting the Annual Report together and getting it printed! **Copies of the Report** are in the Parish House. Sign your name to let us know you received your copy; one copy per household, please.

~ **Copies of the January-February issue of the SUMH newsletter** are on the table in the back of the sanctuary and in the Parish House.

~ **Copies of changes to the church directory** (on orange paper) are available in the Parish House.

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER...THIS WEEK**

**Monday, January 23, 4:30 pm:** Trustees meeting

**Wednesday, January 25, 1 pm:** Deacons meeting at Smallidges.

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER...LOOKING AHEAD**

**Monday, January 30, 6:00 pm:** Young people in the Northern and Downeast part of the Conference are invited to a **NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT Information Session** at the Hamden Church. Bring a bag supper, or stop at the nearby *Subway*. All are

welcome! We can't wait to tell you what awaits us at NYE! See Thayer Fanazick for more information.

**Wednesday, February 1, 5:00 pm:** **William Bigelow (Mac)** will offer a talk and discussion at the Northeast Harbor Library entitled "**Resentment and Getting Beyond Resentment: A Jungian Psychological Perspective.**" The talk is free and open to the public.

**Saturday, February 4, 10pm -Noon:** "**Introducing Group Spiritual Direction**" with Joan Jordan Grant. Come learn about this practice offered for the first time at the Center in 2012, with the possibility of forming an ongoing group for 4-6 people; followed by potluck lunch. Free will donation. Call 244-1060.

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER...ONGOING**

**SUNDAYS, 9:00 am:** **Choir rehearsal** is held every Sunday morning before the service so everyone may participate. All are welcome! For more information, please call Jamie at 610-0600.

**MONDAYS, 1:00-2:00 pm, SATURDAYS, 7:30-8:30 am:** **Contemplative Prayer Group: Silent Sits** at The Alcyon Center. Call 244-1060.

**MONDAYS, 6:00 pm:** **Acadia Handbell Choir rehearsal** - Contact Mary Gilliland at 244-7109.

**WEDNESDAYS, 3:30-4:30 pm:** **Bible Study** at The Alcyon Center. Please contact Joan Jordan Grant at 244-5197 if you would like to be included in the weekly Bible Study Email group.

*"For your prayer, your journey into God,  
may you be given a small storm,  
a little hurricane named after you,  
persistent enough to get your attention,  
violent enough to awaken you to new  
depths,  
strong enough to shake you to the roots  
majestic enough to remind you of your  
origin:  
made of the earth yet steeped in eternity  
frail human dust, yet soaked with infinity."  
Macrina Weiderkehr, A Tree Full of Angels:*