

# Welcome to Worship!

August 27, 2023

Proper 16A

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP BASED ON PSALM 124: 1-8

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let  
Israel now say –

**People: if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,  
when our enemies attacked us,**

Leader: then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their  
anger was kindled against us;

**People: then the flood would have swept us away; the torrent  
would have gone over us;**

Leader: then over us would have gone the raging waters.

**People: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to  
their teeth.**

Leader: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the  
hunters; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven  
and earth.**

**OPENING HYMN:** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"  
No. 414

#### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

Lord, we recognize your sovereignty in our lives but still waver in  
accepting it in our hearts. Give us steadfast courage in this world to  
name who You are that we might be ready to serve in Your  
Kingdom, just as your Son presaged when he taught us to pray,  
saying...*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*

**\*GLORIA PATRI** No. 734

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ: And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without  
end. Amen.

**READING OF THE WORD** Matthew 16:13-20

**SERMON** What's YOUR Opinion?

**MEDITATION HYMN:** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"  
No. 77

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

You may also mail your offering (P.O. Box 128, Greenland, NH  
03840); Give on line by going to [greenlanducc.org](http://greenlanducc.org) and click  
"Donate" tab. Thank you!

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** "We Come, O Christ, to You"

No. 110

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand if you are able.

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Community Congregational  
Church of Greenland

The liturgist is Barbara Stone.

The Greeters/Ushers this Sunday are Bonnie Gardner and Barbara Stone.

This Sunday's flowers are once again given by Barbara Stone by donating a lovely flower arrangement from her garden for the altar.

***Community Congregational Church (UCC)***

***Greenland, New Hampshire***

***Gathered in 1706***

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***GOD CALLS US TOGETHER TO WELCOME ALL  
AND TO SERVE GOD, EACH OTHER, THIS COMMUNITY,  
AND THE WORLD  
IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST'S LOVE.***

***❖ ALL ARE WELCOME! ❖***