

Welcome to Worship!

October 22, 2023

Proper 24A

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*UNISON PRAYER (FROM ZIMBABWE)

Leader: Open my eyes that they may see the deepest needs of the people;

People: move my hands that they may feed the hungry;

Leader: touch my heart that it may bring warmth to the despairing;

People: teach me the generosity that welcomes strangers;

Leader: let me share my possessions to clothe the naked;

People: give me the care that strengthens the sick;

Leader: make me share in the quest to set the prisoner free.

People: In sharing our anxieties and our love, our poverty and our prosperity, we take partake in your divine presence.

OPENING HYMN: "We Are the Church" **No. 550**

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (Africa) from Janet Morley,
Bread of Tomorrow, Orbis Books.

Holy One, enlarge my heart, that it may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love. Holy One, stretch my heart, that it may take into it all those, who with me around the world, believe in Jesus Christ. Then stretch it again that it may take into it all those who do not know Christ, but who are my brothers and sisters because I know him. And stretch it still, that it may take in all those who are not lovely in my eyes and those hands I do not want to touch. Enlarge my heart, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior who 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM Uyai Mose

READING OF THE WORD Matt 22:15-22

SERMON Fulfilling our (Pre) Destiny

MEDITATION HYMN: "O Lord Hear My Prayer" **No. 484**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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OFFERTORY

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

***DOXOLOGY** **No. 34**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (Zimbabwe) from Maren Tirabassi's
Gifts of Many Cultures.

God of All Good, our gifts we bring to you. May they be multiplied and blessed, as the fish and the loaves were. Little though our offering is, but meaningful in love, may it be. May they be received as tokens of our love. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** "God Be With You" **No. 716**

*BENEDICTION

*May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart,
Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.



Community Congregational
Church of Greenland

Special Thank You to our guest pianist Jeff Velez.

The liturgist is Kate White.

The Greeters/Ushers this Sunday are Robin and John Weeks.

This Sunday's flowers are given by Deb McNelly to celebrate Olivia, her granddaughter, who hopes to be accepted to medical school soon!

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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!* ❖