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The Newsletter of the Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church

What then, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. 1 Corinthians 14:26

I like the passage above because Paul reminds the troublesome, divided Corinthians that worship is a community thing. Our purpose is to gather and worship God as one, not for any one person or their specific gifts, but rather we are all called to sing, hear, understand, and be inspired as we prepare to bring the love of God into the world for the coming week.

Since arriving, I have watched and learned from you: your past, your patterns, your wants, your needs, your ethos. One pattern I've studied closely is how you worship, and I love it. This church family has very talented people who serve as worship leaders, music leaders, singers, musicians, ushers, and support. We are truly blessed.

But I ask myself whether we can speak the language of the uninitiated. We use “strange” words like narthex, sanctuary, offering, doxology, sermon, benediction, or even fellowship. We take these words for granted and assume people with little to no exposure to the church of Jesus Christ know what they mean. Ironically, I recently asked several members of our church family if they knew what these words meant, and not everyone did. What if we modified our language to accommodate others?

Another question I ask is whether we understand the meaning and flow of our own worship service. There should be a simple flow: gathering the community, preparing our hearts and minds, experiencing the message, being reminded of what we believe, and being sent back into the world. It should be smooth, informative, and efficient.

Beginning with Advent (do you know what that means?), I am going to introduce a slightly modified order of worship for us to use. For the most part, it will use simpler language that itself may be passe’ (out of date) in 100 years. It will also follow the flow noted above. None of these modifications will be earth-shattering, yet I believe they will help our visitors and us to experience a closer relationship with God and one another. So, I invite you to embrace the inspiration, but please feel free to ask me to explain anything you don't understand.

In His Service (and yours),

Pastor Pat

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Celebrating November Birthdays!

11/9	Russ Doughty
11/20	Fran Steven-Putnam
11/27	Lavinia Csontos
	Bruce Herd
11/28	Emily Cleaveland

Sunday Worship @ 10 AM

In Person & Online at: www.kcpcnlnh.com

Tuesday, November 3rd
Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM

Sunday, November 8th
Deacons 11:15 AM

Thursday, November 19th
Session 5:00 PM

Every Monday
Women of Faith 10:30 AM

Every Wednesday
Bells 6:00 PM
Choir 7:15 PM

Every Thursday
Bible Study 9:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent
November 29th

Faith Book Group Reads – ’26 - ‘27

Nov. **By Any Other Name** *by Jodi Picoult*

Dec. **Last Christmas in Paris** *by Hazel Gaynor & Heather Webb*
OR: **Good Spirits** *by B.K. Borison*
The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year *by Ally Carter*

Jan. **The Island of Missing Trees** *by Elif Shafak*

Feb. **Life, A Love Story** *by Elizabeth Berg*

Mar. **The Berry Pickers** *by Amanda Peters*

Apr. **The Midnight Train** *by Matt Haig*

May **John of John** *by Douglas Stuart*

June **Kin** *by Tayari Jones*

Live and Learn

Roberta Hollinger

Something to talk about...Gratitude is an attitude.

Throughout the Psalms, no matter what David was facing, the good, the bad and the ugly, David was persistent in his gratitude to God. David focused on God’s goodness as his source of strength and peace. We teach our children to say please and thank you as gestures of gratitude. We encourage those moments to become a habit, consistent. During the Thanksgiving season our habit is to pause, even if it’s right before the meal, to acknowledge things we should be thankful for. Wouldn’t it be great if we were to practice the habit of giving God our thanks every day, all day, showing our gratitude from an authentic heart. We need to have David’s attitude for gratitude. The more often children practice giving God their thanks, the more easily it will flow. Practice makes permanent...Just like God’s goodness.

On your feet now—applaud GOD!
Bring a gift of laughter,
sing yourselves into his presence....

For GOD is sheer beauty,
all-generous in love,
loyal always and ever.
Psalm 100:1-5

~ Church Officers ~

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Statement of Purpose:

The Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church is a community of Christians striving to do God's work on earth. We proclaim that the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, give us direction and purpose as a people of faith.