

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD: SEPT. 11, 2011

Prelude: Cain: *Fanfare for the Innocents*; Alexander: *Pavane for a Child with God*; Parry/Daw: *O Day of Peace*

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

Introit: *When Terror Streaks Through Morning Skies*
(Text: Mary Louise Bringle)

Welcome/Announcements/Celebrations

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

***Hymn #509** How Deep the Silence of the Soul

A Time for Our Children and Youth

Peace Candle:

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: Let us give thanks for the gift of memory.

**All: Jesus taught us to remember him
whenever we break bread together.**

One: God encourages us to remember things past by
telling sacred stories.

**All: Today we remember events, people, sights,
and sounds of September Eleven ten years ago.**

One: If the world is to become a better place, we must
process our memories with faithful stories.

**All: God wept that day. Let's not forget it.
Amen.**

Scripture: Exodus 14:19-31 (p.57)
Matthew 18:21-35 (p.17)

Exegesis/Theme of the Day

We Give Together

Offering: Schubert: *Litanei*

***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 of sacred stories, help us be faithful to you as these stories are told. Forgive us for the times we have depicted you as violent, vengeful, and ultimately victorious through war. Help us understand that the peoples of the world must learn to teach our children that you are a God of love, forgiveness, and peace. Send your Spirit who will help us write and rewrite stories that will create the community you have designed for us. 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.

Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Reading the Names/Silent Prayer

Hymn #604 Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name

We Learn Together

Sermon: *Retelling the Stories*

Choir: Bach/Althouse: *Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)*

We Go To Live Our Faith Together

***Hymn #391** In the Midst of New Dimensions

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** My Peace: *Taizé*

**Standing*

(We will pause for reflection/writing prayers, names, and thoughts on our ribbons, then gather together around our 9/11 Tree of Remembrance to tie our ribbons on it.)

In observance of the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11/01, there will not be fellowship hour today. You may gather in the Parish House for conversation if you would like to. Go in peace.

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

September 11, 2011

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

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

Scripture Reader: **Dotty Kay Stillman**

Today: 10th Anniversary of 9/11: As we acknowledge the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on that day, we will focus our thoughts and prayers on remembrance and hope. Please see the bulletin insert for events held throughout the day in Bar Harbor.

Children and youth are welcome to stay for the entire service or, after the lighting of the Peace Candle, may go to the Parish House for the first day of Sunday School.

Following the worship service, all are invited to come to the **Annual Sunday School Picnic** and games at the home of Gail Reiber! See flier.

7-9 pm at Harbor House: There will be a photographic tribute to the firefighters of MDI, **Heroes Among Us**, honoring friends and neighbors who are dedicated to protecting our Island community.

Victor will be gone this week and next for continuing education purposes. Please contact Joan Jordan Grant (244-5197) for any pastoral needs.

Note: We will be receiving **new members** in November. If anyone is interested in joining the Somesville Church at that time, please speak to Victor or to Binnie MacDonald.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER...THIS WEEK

September 12-15: Hiking Retreat at The Alcyon Center – Please call 244-1060 for more information.

Friday, September 16, 7-9 pm: Soul Friends for Women at The Alcyon Center: A gathering of creative silence and conversation built on a theme with sacred readings and shared insights. Call 244-1060 for more information.

Saturday, September 18: Clean Water Clean Shores – Help clean up the shoreline of MDI, neighboring communities and outer islands. See flier. Contact Terry Begley at Friends of Acadia by either emailing him at terry@friendsofacadia.org or

OUR LIFE TOGETHER...LOOKING AHEAD

As the tragedy in **East Africa** continues to worsen, the Mission Committee has been wanting to plan a meaningful response. At Victor's suggestion, instead of holding a potluck or bean supper, or some other fundraiser, next month we will gather together to hold a **fast and vigil** in which the whole Island community is invited to participate. There will be more information about this special event in the next few weeks so please stay tuned.

Sunday, September 18: Food Pantry Sunday

Sunday, September 25, 2:00: CROP WALK starting at the Ellsworth Congregational Church. There will be more information in next week's bulletin.

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 – 2 pm, SATURDAYS 7:30-8:30 am: Centering Prayer Practice at The Alcyon Center; call 244-1060 for more information.
~ **6:15 pm: Acadia Handbell Choir rehearsals** in the Parish House. We are always happy to have new ringers. Call Mary Gilliland at 244-7109.

Prayer of Repentance on 9/11/11 from NRCAT (National Religious Campaign Against Torture) from the United Church of Christ website (see flier): God, over and over you call your sons and daughters, and whole nations, to acknowledge wrongs. For acts of revenge instead of reconciliation, for engaging in torture, for denying justice to members of the human family, forgive us. We have failed to see the sacred in every human being, those from every country and every religion. We have failed to seek and pursue peace. We have lacked courage and failed to speak against the demonizing of people of other religions. We have not been persistent enough in our efforts to end U.S.-sponsored torture. Trusting in your mercy and compassion, we repent of these wrongs and pray for your forgiveness. Amen



TODAY'S MUSIC

Bill Cain composed "Fanfare for the Innocents" in 2001 in memory of the victims of terrorist attacks in Kenya, Tanzania, Ireland, New York City, Washington D.C., and rural Pennsylvania.

Lynda Alexander's "Pavane for a Child with God" was published in 2000. This touching piece uses a solemn dance form from 16th-century Spain.

Carl Daw's hymn "O Day of Peace" (1982) is set to Charles H. H. Parry's well-known tune, "Jerusalem."

O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Franz Schubert composed "Litanei" for a text by Johann Georg Jacobi:

Rest in peace, all souls
who are through with anxious torment,
who are finished with sweet dreams,
those who are sated with life and those just born,
all who have departed from this world:
all souls rest in peace.

Jay Althouse's lovely "Dona nobis pacem" is based on a familiar minuet by J. S. Bach. Althouse has composed more than 600 pieces for choir. He and his wife, Sally Albrecht, have co-written several major works. Their *I Hear America Singing* was performed at President Obama's inauguration.



**Sunday School
starts this morning!
Sunday, September 11**

Come to church for the beginning this morning's service and then go to Sunday School with your teachers for lessons and activities.

Our **teachers** the first 8 weeks will be **Lynn Higgins**, teaching the older group, and **Thayer Fanazick** will be teaching the younger group.

After church, ALL are invited to...



A CHURCH FAMILY COOKOUT & GAMES!

at Gail Reiber's home
in Somesville

We'll have hamburgers, hotdogs, salads and desserts!

Fun games and activities are planned! Bring your lawn chairs, kites, radio controlled airplanes.

CLEAN WATER, CLEAN SHORES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

VOLUNTEER FOR SHORELINE CLEANUP IN:

**Bar Harbor ~ Southwest Harbor ~ Tremont ~ Mount Desert
Lamoine ~ Gouldsboro ~ Great Gotts ~ Swans Island
the Cranberry Isles ~ Other islands**

Community members interested in joining these efforts, or for additional information, can contact Terry Begley at Friends of Acadia by either calling 288-3340 or emailing terry@friendsofacadia.org. See information on church bulletin board.

Day of Remembrance and Hope on Mount Desert Island September 11, 2011

What has life been like in the decade since 9/11/2001? What has changed? What have we learned? Where do we go from here? These questions and others will be addressed in a community forum at Reel Pizza from 1:30-3 p.m.

All members of the Mount Desert Island community are invited to share their personal reflections on that day and their thoughts on what we have learned, how we have changed, and the challenge and hope of the future. A diverse panel of speakers will be moderated by University of Maine Cooperative Extension Professor and WERU radio show host Ron Beard.

Speakers will include Dr. Judith Goldstein, director of Humanity in Action, State Representative Elsie Flemings, Omar Conteh from the Outreach Committee of the Islamic Center of Maine, former Iran hostage Moorhead Kennedy, the Rev. Victor Stanley of the Somesville Meeting House, and MDI fire fighters and other first responders.

Following the Forum, the public will be invited to **spend two hours (3-5 p.m.) giving hands-on assistance to local organizations that serve the needy and build community**. A list will be shared of venues where these two hours of help will be gratefully received. In the early evening, 5-6 p.m., there will be a further gathering on the lawn and parking-lot of the Congregational Church of Bar Harbor, for song and quiet reflection . The singing will be led by the Hospice Choral Group, Evensong.

The 9/11 Memorial Ad Hoc Committee thanks Reel Pizza for their generous donation of facilities to house the Community Forum. For more information please contact the Rev. Jennifer Reece, Deacon at St. Saviour's Episcopal Church, Bar Harbor at revdrjmr@gmail.com / (207)812-2365

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11, there are a multitude of resources available to you, including web sites, prayers, articles about peace and interfaith reconciliation, support groups, peace and just programs, etc. Websites which focus on 9/11 include www.peacefultomorrows.org/ and www.911day.org .

All of us have the opportunity to decide how we want this anniversary to impact us and how we can act on that understanding. The United Church of Christ has put together many of these resources online and you may find them at www.macucc.org/pages/detail/2471. The page of information, offerings, and links is called "Worship Resources and Interfaith Actions."

The Washington National Cathedral is offering a weekend of events commemorating the anniversary: and you can view many of them online, either live streaming or archived after this weekend. Go to their website for this weekend at www.calltocompassion.com/, and follow the link to watch the programs online.

On the church bulletin boards there is an article by Jim Wallace, a beautiful quote from a Hopi elder, a Witness For Justice bulletin, and other material.