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Not Far From the Kingdom of God

Sunday, October 31, 2021
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Reverend Kathleene Card

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

Peterborough United Methodist Church

Welcome! If you are a first-time guest please fill out our digital welcome card bit.ly/pumcwelcomecard.

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~Wiggling is appropriate & welcome.

Responsive parts in bold.

*Those able are invited to stand in praise.

PRELUDE

Organist

WELCOME

Pastor

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

~OPENING PRAYER

Lectionary.Library.Vanderbilt.edu

Liturgist

Beloved Companion,

you deal with us kindly in steadfast love,

lifting up those bent low with care

and sustaining the weak and oppressed.

Release us from our anxious fears,

that we, holding fast to your commandments,

may honor you with all that we are and all that we have.

Amen.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal

SCRIPTURE *Hebrews 9:11-14 Pew Bible NT p 209*

Liturgist

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor

Joys: Gracious Lord, **bless this joy.**
Concerns: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

~THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

Pastor

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING *Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness* Liturgist

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

Liturgist

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

~*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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O God, you call us to love you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We seek to focus on you as our highest priority. Help us to make lifestyle decisions based on your commandments. We, your kingdom-seekers, offer you this money as a means of placing you first in our lives. May these gifts provide ministries of love and compassion to our neighbors. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' --this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Not Far From the Kingdom of God*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Pastor

POSTLUDE

Organist

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Pastor: Reverend Kathleene Card
Liturgist: Jenny Pierce
Organist: Gene Brochu
Production: Hiel Lindquist



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING:

**all times in Eastern Time*

Sun 10a **Worship service** online via YouTube or in-person
Tue-Thu 9-12 **Office Hours**

Nov 8-18 **UCC lot paving**
Nov 9 6:30p **Administrative Council** meeting
Nov 15 **Church Building 181st Anniversary**
Nov 16 1:30p **Book Group** via Zoom
Nov 20 10a **Church Conference** via Zoom
Nov 23 TBD **Interfaith Thanksgiving** Service @Unitarian
Nov 28 **Wreaths** projected to arrive *details TBD
Nov 29 7pm **Missions meeting** via Zoom
Nov 30 **Newsletter submissions** due
Dec 1 10a **Heart Grew Three Sizes** bible study begins
via Zoom or in-person

EVENTS:

**all times in Eastern Time*

Sunday Worship 10a
in-person, 43 Concord St, Peterborough
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Book Group Online bit.ly/pumcbookgroup

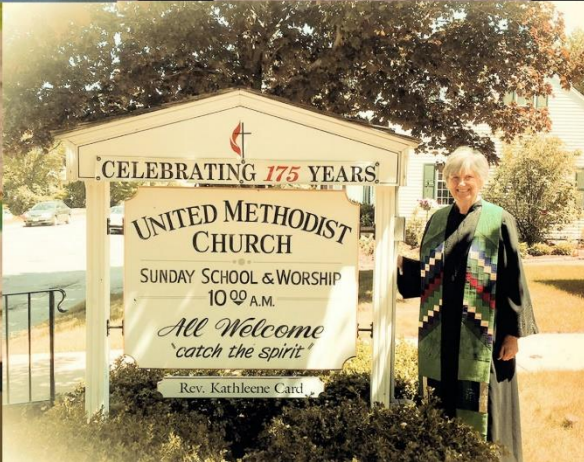
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Farewell Reverend Kathleene Card

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." - Jeremiah 3:15



Welcome!

Join us online or in-person at 10 am ET on Sunday

We are delighted to welcome you to our service.

Please be aware the ambient mic will pick up on conversations in the sanctuary.


If you use a hearing aid with bluetooth (or headphones) you can connect directly to our audio with the Listen Everywhere app on your smartphone. If you would like a headset please see an usher.

If you are new to PUMC and want us to have your contact info go to bit.ly/pumcwelcomecard.

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FOOD OFFERING:

For the foreseeable future, drop off food offerings at the church. There is a large deck bin at the side entrance of the church (bottom of the ramp) with a sign. Just drop your bag of pantry goods in the bin and make sure the lid is closed tightly. Our next congregational offering will be delivered to **Temple/New Ipswich food pantry**.