

November 19, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
25th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome Guests! It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today!
We welcome you to this service of celebration. May you feel
Christ's presence, hear his Word proclaimed, and be blessed, and renewed.
The asterisk () Indicates to please stand, if you are able.*
Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Gathering

Donations for the Bread of Life Homeless
Shelter Augusta, Maine: \$2500 for 2023
AND Belgrade-Rome Food Pantry
Contributions as of 10/29/23: \$ 503.90



Bread of Life Shelter
& Belgrade -Rome
Food Pantry

Finding Our Quiet Center - Prelude

Hymn: Surely the Presence of the Lord #328 (UMH)

Lighting of the Candles

Opening Prayer

Lay Leader

Giving God, you are present in all times and places. Open our eyes to see the blessings you provide. Open our ears to your Word, that we might hear and obey. Open our hearts to care deeply about people in need, that we might be inspired to helpful action. Open our mouths to sing together in thanksgiving, and to share the good news of salvation, in and through Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Call to Worship

Lay Leader

One: We thank God for all the good we have been given. We praise God, who crowns the year with abundance.

Many: **We are thankful for what we have been given. God has been good to us.**

One: God chooses to love us and draw us near; God helps us see the good all around us.

Many: **We are grateful for it all, and for the opportunities to serve that God places in front of us.**

One: Let us renew our commitment to God, that our thanksgiving may overflow into acts of kindness and mercy.

*Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (vs. 1,2,4) #694 (UMH)

Our Time of Prayer

Pastor Eleanor

We come with prayers for ourselves, for others, and with prayer for our homes, and the world around us.

The Lord's Prayer: (Will be recited during our Thanksgiving and Communion Service)

Responding to God's Grace and the Proclamation of the Word

Offertory Invitation

Doxology

Hymn #95

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

Our Prayer of Dedication (Shared together)

Lay Leader

For all the blessings we have received, our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to you, O God. Let us be empowered in our own generosity by your limitless generosity. In Christ, we have been shown a way to the wholeness of life you intend for us. Receive these offerings as a joyous expression of our gratitude. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Scripture:

OT Reading: Psalm 90:1-12 NRSV p. 547

Lay Leader

NT Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 NRSV p. 28

Pastor Eleanor

May God Bless the reading and hearing of this holy word.

Response: Amen

Morning Message "How Many Shopping Days Left?"

Pastor Eleanor

Anthem: "What Feast of Love"

Performed by our Choir

Service of Thanksgiving and Communion
(See Bulletin Insert)

Pastor Eleanor
and Carol Johnson

*Hymn: **We Gather Together** #131 (UMH)

Time of Joys & Celebrations

Benediction

Postlude – “Let There Be Peace on Earth” #431 (UMH)
Please remain seated.

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visit our website. Here you will find:

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- Current and Past Union Rider Newsletters.
- Information on our Memorial Garden for interment of ashes.
- Links to our United Methodist Conference website for current information, programs and events, and news about the United Methodist Church in general.
- A version of our Sunday Bulletin and Insert for each week.

Pastor: Rev. Eleanor Collinsworth

Lay Leader: Carol Johnson

Choir Director: Don Petersen

Pianist/Organist: Gwen Chase **Sexton:** Ernie Merckens

Office Support Ministry: Seeking...stay tuned!

*Altar arrangement today is given by Carol Johnson in
loving remembrance of her mother Lydia's 105th birthday.*



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**Union Church of Belgrade Lakes
a United Methodist Church**

Our Mission is to live our experience of God's
love in all that we say and do...

Our Vision is to be a growing spiritual faith community
in the manner of Christ, where all are
welcome and cared for...