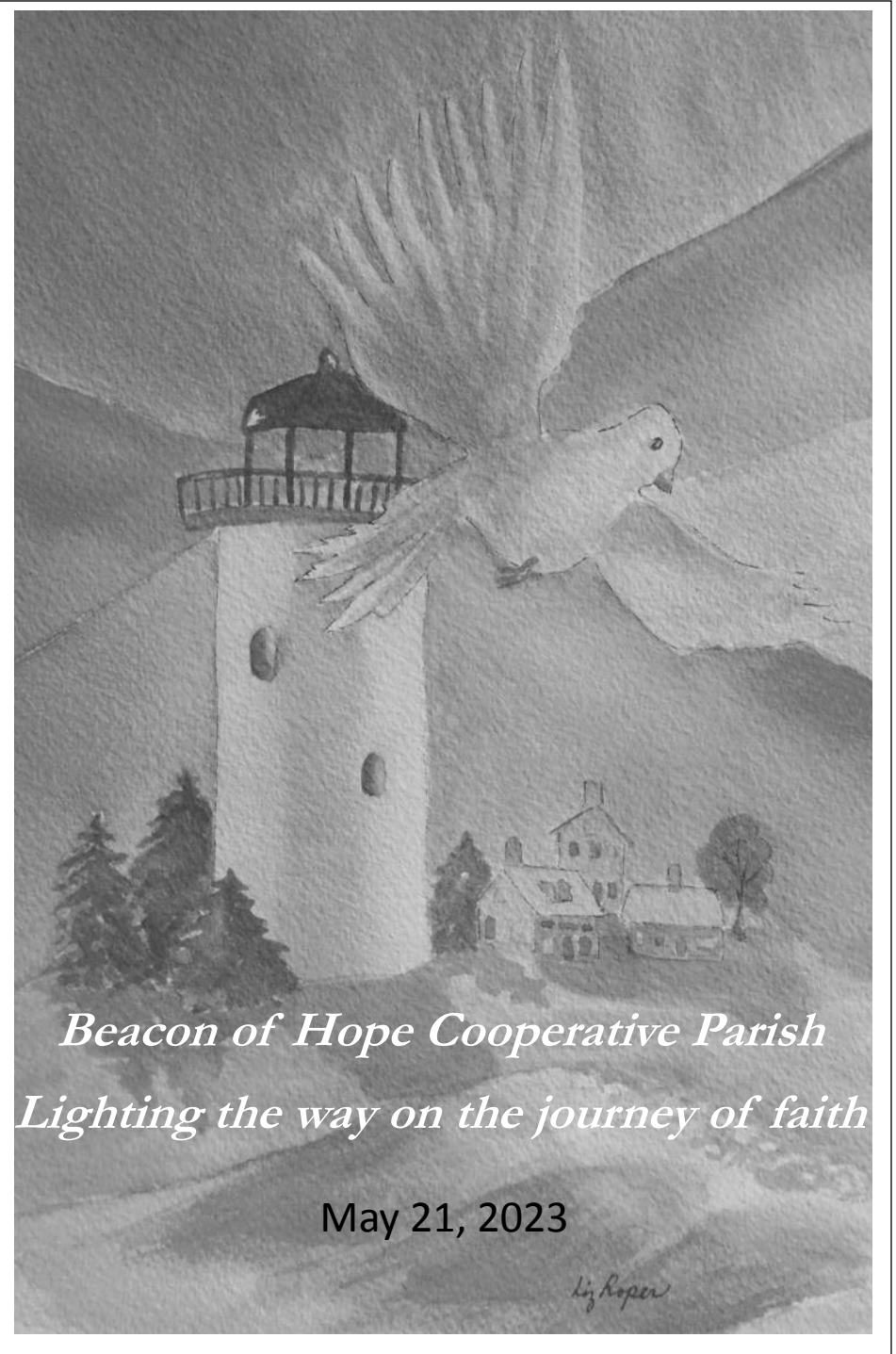


***Statement of Purpose of the Beacon of Hope Cooperative Parish***

The Beacon of Hope Cooperative Parish shines the welcoming light of Christ's love into our communities offering hope and peace for the journey.

*Whether you are attending worship at Christ Church, Goodwins Mills UMC or W. Kennebunk UMC we hope and pray that you will feel the welcoming light of Christ's love here in our midst.*



**Worship Service**  
**Beacon of Hope Cooperative Parish**  
*Christ Church Federated*  
**Rev. Ed Bove**  
**Ascension Sunday**

**Gathering in Praise**

**Gathering Music and Welcome**

**Moment of Silent Prayer and Reflection**

**Opening Prayer:**

Loving, Caring God,  
We see the power and glory of Christ this Ascension Sunday. In our discipleship, we seek to understand the reality that is you. We seek the presence of Christ in our lives. Be with us here and now. Amen.

**Celebration Song**

**Scripture:**

Acts 1: 1-11 (Ascension of Jesus)  
Luke 24: 44-53 (Jesus Blesses the Disciples)

**Message:** “Jesus Taken into Heaven”

**Celebration Song**

**Prayers of the People**

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Doxology**

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**Prayer over the plates**

**Serving Christ at Home and in the World**

**Sending Prayer:**

Divine Source, Father, Son, Holy Spirit,  
Thank you for your presence in our lives. Thank you for all you have bestowed on us. Help us to go into the world with hope, healing, compassion, and caring. May we learn better how to serve you in this world. In Christ’s name we offer our prayer. Amen.

**Benediction and Sending Forth**

**Postlude**