



**CHURCH ON THE CAPE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A NEW  
WORLD



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Church on the Cape  
United Methodist Church  
Rev. Greg Smith  
May 18, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

***Large print bulletins and hearing assistive devices are available,  
please ask an usher.***

\*those who are able, please stand to worship.

**WE GATHER**

HYMN SING

Susie Goodwin

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Thank you Reah Atwater for hosting coffee hour this morning.
- Sunday School Teachers, please plan to stay after worship today for a meeting in the Parlor of Peace at 11:15
- Please check the bulletins for information about the Ladies Luncheon at the Bull and Claw this Friday.

**PRELUDE**

**“Haven of Rest”**

Edvard Grieg; Franklin Ritter, arr.

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise God from the heavens

**People: Praise God from the depths of the earth!**

Leader: The angels praise God!

**People: All the faithful praise God!**

Leader: The sun and moon praise God!

**People: All the stars praise God!**

Leader: Mountains and hills praise God!

**People: Forests and orchards praise God!**

Leader: Creeping things and flying birds praise God!

**People: Wild animals and farm animals praise God!**

Leader: The powerful and mighty praise God!

**People: The meek and the humble praise God!**

Leader: Young and old alike praise God!

**People: They join their voices together in praise!**

Leader: God is the maker of all things.

**People: In creation we behold God's glory**

Leader: This is the God who loves every one of us!

**People: Praise the Lord!**

## UNISON PRAYER

**We come to you in worship today, O Lord, very well aware of the way things are in our world. We see people displaced by natural disasters, war and violence. We see the ways in which hatred and hostility enflame passions and destroy lives around us.**

**We know how things are in our world, but we come here looking for a new vision. You showed Peter a vision of how to overcome the divisions among people. You showed John a vision of a new creation filled only with goodness. You gave Jesus a vision of a world ruled by love. We pray for a vision today. Not a vision of the way things are or have always been, but a vision of the new possibilities you place before us.**

**We pray for a vision of how we can be like Peter, John and Jesus to offer the power of hope, love and salvation in the world around us. Whether they be greater tasks or smaller tasks, we pray that you will show each of us the way to serve you and your vision in our world. Above all, reveal to us the ways in which we show our love for you through our love for one another as commanded by Jesus our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

## STORY TIME

"A Long Time That I've Loved You"  
by Margaret Wise Brown, ill. By Katy Hudson

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

## SPECIAL MUSIC

**"Unclouded Day"**  
The Rev. Josiah Kelly Alwood  
The Song Sisters  
Liz Phillips, Susie Goodwin, and Helen Farnsworth

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:31-35

## MESSAGE

"The Prime Directive"

## OFFERING

**"Offertory on Tender Thought"**  
Gerald Peterson

## \*DOXOLOGY

UMH # 94

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## \*HYMN

**"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

UMH #384

## BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

**"A Song of Triumph"**  
David Paxton

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Alice Bruton	Bethany Hessel	Rich & Debbie Parsons
Judy Cadieux	Lesa Kraft Angelos	Luverne Preble
Julie Chase	Brett LaCour	Nancy Russo
Sharon Collins	Nicholas LaCour	Lettie Samuel
Mary Heather Cookson	Charity Perry Liutai	Eric Schoener
Risha Deary	Chloe McLaughlin	Lois Small
Beth Dudley	Charles E. Moss Sr.	Ryan Sullivan
Bob & Sally Ewton	Marybeth Munroe	Chuck Wildes

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If you would like to submit a prayer request, please reach out. You can contact the office at [office@churchonthecape.org](mailto:office@churchonthecape.org) or to the pastor at [revgregsmithumc@gmail.com](mailto:revgregsmithumc@gmail.com). We encourage and welcome all those who seek prayers to contact us. If you would like to speak to someone on the phone, please call 207-967-5787.



### MAY

May 2	Jim Lennon
May 3	Brian Nason & John Neff
May 6	Emery Hutchins
May 9	David Smith
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Rev. Desmond Parker</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Jean Moulton</b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>George Acker &amp; Susie Goodwin</b>
<b>May 23</b>	<b>Doug Bibber</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Wes Phillips</b>
May27	Cynthia Nickel
May28	Fran Liautaud

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To add a name to the birthday list, please call the office at 207-967-5787.

## THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

<b>Sunday</b> May 18	9:45 a.m.	Hymn Sing
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	11:15 a.m.	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
<b>Monday</b> May 19	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
<b>Tuesday</b> May 20	10:00 a.m.	Knitters
	11:30 a.m.	Picnic Lunch (Bring Your Own Food)
	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	2-4 p.m.	Cargo Shop Open
<b>Wednesday</b> May 21	1:00 p.m.	Missions Outreach
	4:20 p.m.	Bon Appetit (Biddeford)
<b>Thursday</b> May 22	2-4 p.m.	Cargo Shop Open
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b> May 23	11:30	Ladies' Luncheon at the Bull and Claw
<b>Saturday</b> May 24	10-12	Cargo Shop Open

## LOOKING AHEAD

<b>Sunday</b> May 25	9:45 a.m.	Hymn Sing
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
<b>Monday</b> May 26	All Day	Memorial Day—Office Closed
<b>Tuesday</b> May 27	11:00 a.m.	Knitters
	11:30 a.m.	Picnic Lunch (Bring Your Own Food)
	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	2-4 p.m.	Cargo Shop Open
<b>Thursday</b> May 29	9:30 a.m.	Cargo Shop Meeting
	2-4 p.m.	Cargo Shop Open
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b> May 31	10-12	Cargo Shop Open

## ONLINE CALENDAR

For all events here at COTC, be sure to visit the Church on the Cape website,  
[www.churchonthecape.org](http://www.churchonthecape.org), to view the online calendar.

## PARISH NOTES

### Sunday School Teachers Meeting

After Worship Today In Bartlett Hall

### Missions Outreach Meeting

Rescheduled to this Wednesday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m.



### Bon Appetit Community Meal Program

**Wednesday, May 21** is COTC Day at Bon Appetit .  
Please come to 19 Crescent Street, Biddeford

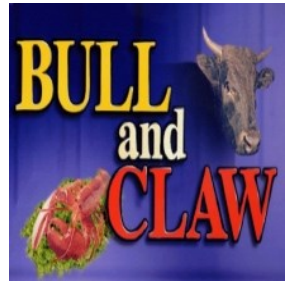
Volunteers arrive at 4:20 p.m. Please reach out to Kathy Johnson at [kjohnjazz@yahoo.com](mailto:kjohnjazz@yahoo.com) and let your know will be there.

### LADIES LUNCH AT THE BULL AND CLAW

Please join us at the Bull and Claw on  
Friday, May 23 at 11:30 a.m.

Please join us.

RSVP to Diana Smith at 802-495-6724 /  
[2nddsmith@gmail.com](mailto:2nddsmith@gmail.com) or Sue Ellery at  
978-270-7428 [susanbellery@gmail.com](mailto:susanbellery@gmail.com)



### CARGO SHOP ANNUAL MEETING

May 29th at 9:30 a.m.



The meeting is open to all current volunteers and  
those who are considering volunteering at the Cargo  
Shop. The meeting will be in Bartlett Hall. Muffins and fruit  
will be served. Please RSVP to Susan Hathorne by 5/20.

She can be reached at 207-985-5665.

### PERFUME AND COLOGNE REMINDER

As a courtesy to others with respiratory and allergy sensitives,  
please refrain from wearing fragrances to worship and while attending  
activities here at the church. Thank you.

## United Methodist Conference Camping & Retreat Scholarships Available

Families and individuals of any age are encouraged to apply for various scholarships for Summer Camps for kids and other retreats as well.

If you are interested, please contact the church office at (207) 967-5787 or email us at [office@churchonthecape.org](mailto:office@churchonthecape.org)

For program information check out the links below:

### **Rolling Ridge Retreat & Conf. Center** (66 miles)

North Andover, MA- 1 hour 15 minutes

<http://www.rollingridge.org/>

### **Camp Mechuwana** (81 miles)

Winthrop, ME - 1 hour 29 minutes

<http://www.mechuwana.org>

### **Wanakee United Methodist Center** (77 miles)

Meredith, NH- 1 hour 53 minutes

<http://www.wanakee.org>

## Support Mechuwana's Free Meals Program

### **Help us feed kids at camp this summer!**

Mechuwana has been notified that we will no longer receive Federal Summer Meals Program\* funding. That is about **\$7,000 in lost funds**. Please consider a gift to help fill that gap.

Any gift is greatly appreciated. **Thank you!**

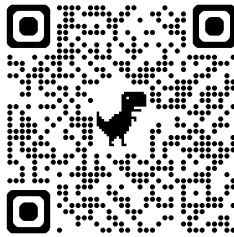


\*Even without the funding, Mechuwana will continue to provide the free meals. We continue the tradition of never turning away campers for financial reasons. That remains the same... because of generous gifts from people like you.

[www.mechuwana.org](http://www.mechuwana.org)



Everyone is welcome at Church on the Cape, UMC, without exception. What matters most to us and what unites us as a vibrant, compassionate community of faith, is the assurance that we are all beloved children of God and of sacred worth to our Creator. Come as you are and join us on our faith journeys as we seek to make followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



*Join us from wherever you call home:*

*If you like what you see here, we post our worship, music, children's messages and sermons online - you can find them via our website : [www.churchonthecape.org](http://www.churchonthecape.org)*

### **Church on the Cape Staff**

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