

**Church on the Cape**  
**United Methodist Church**  
Sunday, July 28, 2024  
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Rev. Greg Smith



# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING

Susie Goodwin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce Donath

- Thank you Judy Tripp and Susan Hathorne for Hosting Coffee Hour this morning.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

**“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”**

– William Doane; Dale Wood, arr.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 14

L: Some say, “there is no God.”

**P: Some say God is not watching over us.**

L: Some think we are not accountable for our deeds.

**P: But God watches over us and sees both good and evil.**

L: When we look at our world, it seems like evil is winning.

**P: It seems as if God has abandoned the world to its own ways.**

L: The poor are afflicted, people have abandoned the ways of God.

**P: But God is here, keeping company with the righteous.**

L: God is a refuge for all who suffer or are in need.

**P: The Lord blesses those who bless the poor, who live compassionate lives.**

L: The Lord will restore the earth,

**P: Then those who love and serve God will rejoice!**

\*HYMN

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

UMH #102

UNISON PRAYER

**We bow before you, today, O Lord our God, to praise your holiness as we seek the richness of your blessings in our lives.**

**We are all too familiar with human weakness in all its forms. So, we pray to you for the strength that we cannot find on our own, but which is your gift to your people.**

**Give to each one of us, in this time of worship, that priceless knowledge of your love—in all its depth and breadth. Fill every one of our hearts with the assurance that your love is real and it is ours to know and experience.**

**Reveal to us the abundance of your gifts so that we will know that you provide us with more than enough to care for every need and every person. Then show us the ways in which we can use your gifts to ensure that your work is done and all people are cared for, in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### **WE HEAR THE WORD**

LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

*In this lesson, the writer prays for us to receive the fullness of God and the love of Christ in our lives and in our hearts. Even though this comes from the middle of Ephesians, the prayer ends with a beautiful benediction.*

CHORAL ANTHEM: **“How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me?”**

Gordon Young

The Church on the Cape Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:1-21

John’s gospel tells the story of a picnic on a mountain and a storm on the sea...

OFFERTORY MUSIC

**“The Gift of Love”**

Hal H. Hobson, adapted; Lloyd Larson, arr.

Wendy Hagarty, trumpet; Ted Hagarty, clarinet;

Nancy Chamberlin, piano

MESSAGE

“He withdrew...”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #883

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*THE LORD’S PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN

**“My Hope is Built”**

UMH #368

### **WE GO FORTH**

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

**“This Is My Father’s World /  
He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”**

Wendy Hagarty, trumpet; Ted Hagarty, clarinet; Nancy Chamberlin, piano

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Connie Lou (Friend of Judy Tripp)	Rev. Andrea Leininger
Lillian Bartlett	Charity Perry Liutai
Scott Beppler	Nick & Kit Marcocci & Thomas Robert
Alice Bruton	Chloe McLaughlin
Judy Cadieux	Terry Moulton
Julie Chase	Michael Nelson
Keith Chisholm	Tiffany Nelson
Mary Heather Cookson	Armit Pak
Risha Deary	Nancy & Mark Russo
Jose Duddy	Lettie Samuel
Bob & Sally Ewton	Roberta Sanborn
Matthew Gould	Kristy Spence
Steven Horan	Sandy St. Jean
Jeanne Howarth	Pat & Charlie Towne
Lesla Kraft Angelos	Janet Vitanza
Emily King	Chuck Wildes
Brett LaCour	Rev. Barry Wood
Nicholas LaCour	Martha Young
Marybeth Munroe	All Others Who Are Sick
Ellie Leech's Family and Friends	

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

**July 29**

**Rev. Nancy Collins**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

<b>3</b>	<b>Julie Chase</b>
6	Marshall Chamberlin
8	Cynthia Doolittle * Ann Nelson
9	Delora Ryan
11	Betsy Anderson
13	Susan Ellery
19	Alice Bruton
21	Liz Haggerty
22	Debora Berry
23	Jim Fairfield
24	Russell Guilmartin
26	Jim Hathorne
29	Liz Phillips * Gary Ridlon
31	Mary Parker

# THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

<b>Sunday</b> July 28	9:45 a.m.	Hymn Sing
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
<b>Mon.</b> July 29	9-5	Office Open
<b>Tuesday</b> July 30	9-5	Office Open
	10:00 a.m.	Knitters
	11:30 a.m.	Picnic Lunch (Bring Your Own Food)
	2-4 p.m.	Cargo Shop Open
<b>Wed.</b> July 31	9-5	Office Open
<b>Thursday</b> August 1	9-5	Office Open
	2-4 p.m.	Cargo Shop Open
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Fri.</b> August 2		Office Closed
<b>Saturday</b> August 3	10-12	Cargo Shop Open

## LOOKING AHEAD

<b>Sunday</b> August 4	9:45 a.m.	Hymn Sing
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
	1:30 p.m.	Communion at Huntington Common
<b>Mon</b> Aug 5	9-5	Office Open
<b>Tuesday</b> August 6	9-5	Office Open
	10:00 a.m.	Knitters
	11:30 a.m.	Picnic Lunch (Bring Your Own Food)
	2-4 p.m.	Cargo Shop Open
<b>Wed.</b> August 7	9-5	Office Open
<b>Thursday</b> August 8	9:30 a.m.	Ministry of Caring
	2-4 p.m.	Cargo Shop Open
	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

## Meet Our New Bishop Tom Bickerton

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton was elected to the episcopacy in 2004 by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Bishop Bickerton is currently the Resident Bishop of the New York Area, which includes the New York Conference in the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Thomas J. Bickerton was born in Glen Dale, West Virginia. He is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College (B.A. degree in Sociology/Psychology), a graduate of Duke University Divinity School (M.Div.), and a graduate of United Theological Seminary (D.Min.).

Tom was ordained elder in the West Virginia Annual Conference by Bishop William Boyd Grove in 1985. Following seminary, he served the Perry Memorial UMC in Shady Spring, West Virginia, for six years. During his time there the congregation grew from an average worship attendance of fifteen to one hundred fifty. He then spent the next nine years serving as the Senior Pastor of Forrest Burdette Memorial UMC in Hurricane, West Virginia. During his tenure there, the congregation grew from 575 members to nearly 1,400. In 1998, he became the District Superintendent of his home area, the Northern District. He had just begun his seventh year as District Superintendent when the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference elected him to the episcopacy in 2004.

Tom was first elected to Jurisdictional Conference at the age of 30 in 1988 and again in 1992. He was first elected to General Conference in 1996 and then to successive General Conferences in 2000 and 2004. He twice served as the Head of the West Virginia delegation. He served on the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (1976-1980), the General Commission on Archives & History (1980-1988), and the General Commission on United Methodist Communications (2000-2004).

He enjoys golf, movies, professional baseball/football, college basketball, and travel opportunities with his family.

Sally Forbes and Tom Bickerton were married on August 16, 2003. They have four children: Elizabeth Anne, Thomas James II ("T.J."), Ian Robert, and Nicholas Bruce.



*Sally and Bishop Tom Bickerton receive gifts  
from the New England Conference*

# PARISH NEWS

## BIBLE STUDY INFO

Beginning the second week in September we will resume our study group using "Disciple Fast Track." This time we will study the New Testament. We need to know who intends to participate and whether you need a copy of the study book. If you plan to participate in the study group please contact the church office. More details about the meeting day and time will follow once we know who plans to join us.

## FREE BOOKS

If you would like a copy of Bishop Johnson's Book titled, The Ever Expansive Spirit of God, and Russ' book of poems to Sammie, Only With the Heart, a few copies are available on the table near the door at the handicap entrance.

## LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 4

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 2 Sam 11:26-12:13a
- Ps 51:1-12 (*UMH 785*)
- Eph 4:1-16
- John 6:24-35



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 the 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**

Rev. Greg Smith

Pastor

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