

Church on the Cape
United Methodist Church
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 2026
Rev. Greg Smith



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Welcome to Church on the Cape
Large print bulletins are available upon request.
Please see an usher if you would like a copy.

HYMN SING

Susie Goodwin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The altar flowers are given today in memory of Maj. Gardener Brewer, Vietnam, 1967. They are given by Lee Brewer Maynard and Barbara Brewer Macklin.
- Thank you, Linda, Robert, and Wendy Zarrella, for hosting Coffee Hour this morning!

PRELUDE **"Improvisation sur un thème Breton"**
Marcel Courtonne

*THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Exodus 15:1-11)

Leader: Sing to the Lord!

People: God is our strength and might.

Leader: The Lord is our salvation.

People: We will praise our God!

Leader: Pharaoh's army was cast into the sea.

People: The waters covered them.

Leader: God's right arm shattered the enemy,

People: In great majesty, God defeated the foe.

Leader: Who is like you, O Lord?

People: Who is like you, majestic in holiness?

Leader: Who is like you in awesome splendor?

People: Sing to the Lord who reigns forever!

*HYMN **"Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"** TFWS#2234

UNISON PRAYER

God of strength and majesty, as we gather for worship today, we hear again the stories of how you saved your people long ago. We too seek your saving power as we face the challenges, trials and even disasters of this life. We ask you to open your strong arms and save your people, keep us safe and restore lives.

Not only do we hear the stories of your power, but we also hear of your presence. We hear how your people felt that you were close to them, leading them and protecting them. We want to feel your presence in the same way. Come to us and be our close companion, the one who loves and guides, who knows and helps. Send your Spirit to reveal your steadfast love and faithfulness to us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 14:19-31
God saves Israel from the armies of Egypt.

STORY TIME

SECOND LESSON Romans 14:1-12
Paul grapples with questions about dietary rules.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”
Albert A. Goodson; Mary McDonald, arr.
The COTC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:21-35
Jesus teaches about forgiveness.

MESSAGE “Eating your vegetables”

*A MODERN AFFIRMATION, UMH #885

OFFERTORY MUSIC
“Moderato” from *Quatre pieces brèves en ré*
J. Boulnois

*DOXOLOGY #95

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”** UMH #89

BLESSING

POSTLUDE **“Postludium”**
Flor Peeters

Worship Attendance

August 30, 2026

In Person -**62** Online- **85**

Please pray for the following people

George Acker	Jean Early	Lee Maynard
Ada Byrnes	Sally Ewton	Chloe McLaughlin
Judy Cadieux	Faith Gilmore	Ann Nelson
Julie Chase	Henry & Diana Dynia	Mary Beth Munroe
Fran Celnar	Harold Falcone	Stewart Pratt
*Anne Marie Beppler	Patty Hutchins	Luverne Preble
*Nancy Beppler- Hough	Bethany Hessel	Steve Russell
Cheryl Collazo	Micki Kenney	Beryl Samia
Mary Heather Cookson	Lesla Kraft Angelo	Lettie Samuel
*Robert Scott Campbell	Brett LaCour	Eric Schoener
Micke Cooper	Nicholas LaCour	Lois Small
Risha Deary	Janet Lennon	Chuck Wildes
Beth Dudley	Charity Perry Liutai	*New To Prayer List



6	Shirley Bradbury & Lu Preble
10	Nancy Chamberlin & Carol Nason
13	Kathy Johnson
18	Mark Vogelzang
20	Amy Hall & Marthe Vogelzang
21	Derek Brock
26	Jane Lovejoy

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Save the Date

Sunday, October 11 at 11:30 am

A celebration is being planned!

2026 has several significant milestones for Pastor Greg:



June 9
65th Birthday



39th year of Full-Time
Ministry



40th Anniversary of
Pastor Greg's Ordination

Therefore, on Sunday October 11th SPRC is planning a special celebration to honor these many accomplishments.

So, Save-The-Date on your calendars for this celebratory potluck!



Signup up to share your favorite
POTLUCK (side, main dish, or dessert).
Signup sheets will be in the lobby.



On the day of the celebration please include a recipe with ingredients as there may be people with allergies, intolerances or preferences.



FYI: All are welcome to be a part of the celebration planning. If interested let the office or any SPRC committee member know.

Parish News

Ladies Luncheon



Friday, September 26, 2026
at Mike's All Americal Dinner
1132 Portland Rd, Arundel, ME 04046
RSVP to Diana Smith (802-495-6724)
2nddsmith@gmail.com

Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 27

Homecoming Sunday - Church on the Cape warmly invites friends, family, neighbors, and members of the community to join us for Homecoming Sunday on September 27 at 9:45 a.m.

This special service will be a joyful celebration of Fall, faith, and fellowship. Guests can look forward to special music, meaningful worship, and a time of gathering together as we celebrate the season and the wonderful community that makes Church on the Cape special.

Yearly Church Conference Meeting

Save the Date!

Our yearly Church Conference meeting with the District Superintendent, Rev. Arlene Tully, will be on

Monday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.

All Church members are encouraged to attend.

This week in the life of the church

Sunday , September 13	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	SPRC
Monday , September 14	10:00 am	Chimes
Tuesday , September 15	10:00 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	2:00 pm	Ecumencial Clergy
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
	4:00 pm	Finance Committee
Wednesday , September 16	11:00 am	Upper Room Discussion
	3:00 pm	Senior Moments
	7:00 pm	Trustees
Thursday , September 17	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
	3:00 pm	Worship Committee
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday , September 19	10a-12p	Cargo Shop Open

Looking ahead

Sunday , September 20	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday , September 21	10:00 am	Chimes Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tuesday , September 22	10:00 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
Wednesday , September 23	11:00 am	Upper Room Discussion
	3:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsa
Thursday , September 24	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday , September 25	11:30 am	Ladies Lunch
Saturday , September 26	10a-2p	Cargo Shop Open



Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

Everyone is welcome at Church on the Cape, UMC, without exception. What matters most to us and what unites us as a vibrant, com-passionate 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

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