

Church on the Cape

United Methodist Church

September 17, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



How Many Times?

The Journey Begins Worship Series

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING

Susie Goodwin

WELCOME

Rev. Sammie Maxwell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you to Rev. Sharon Miesel and Marilyn Crocker for hosting Coffee Hour this week.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE:

“Récit Tendre Pour le Nasard”

Gaspard Corrette

INVOCATION (UNISON)

O God, rather than asking how many times should we forgive, help us to ask instead, how many times have you forgiven us? How many times has our grace been sufficient for you? How many times have I answered yes, and how many times have I refused when you asked me to forgive? Help me to be forgiving. Amen.

*HYMN

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

UMH # 390

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Pastor Sue Ellery

“Imagine That!”

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE VOICE:

O God, we read the story of the total destruction of the Egyptian army and see in it your rejection of oppression.

MANY VOICES: We want to join Miriam and the others with song and dance.

ONE VOICE:

There is a Jewish story in the Talmud, that indicates that you yourself, O God, stopped the angels from singing the songs of victory. For how can there be rejoicing when your other children are drowned?

MANY VOICES: Teach us how to hold together the celebration of the conquest of evil and the realization that triumph means the suffering of others.

ALL: Lead us deeper into the necessity and mysteries of forgiveness. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Still Feeling Fine”**
 Mosie Lister
 The Song Sisters

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Exodus 15: 19-31
 Canticle of Moses and Miriam UMH # 135
 Matthew 18: 21-35

*HYMN **“Deep in the Shadows of the Past”** TFWS # 2246

SERMON “Forgiveness is a Way of Life—That Never Ends”
 Rev. Sammie Maxwell

OFFERTORY **“Flute Solo from Sonata in A”**
 Thomas Arne

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, when you ask us to give, help us to realize that you are asking for more than money. You are also asking us to give of the rare commodities like forgiveness, inclusiveness, and love. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

*HYMN **“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”** TFWS # 2120

BENEDICTION (UNISON)

May we go from this place with a posture of forgiveness, leading and being led by grace that saves us into right relationship with God, neighbor, self and creation. Amen.

POSTLUDE **“Toccata in C”**
 Carlos Seixas

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Alice and Roy Bruton

Bob & Sally Ewton

Brett LaCour

Chuck Wildes

David Smith (Karen Holtz Steitz's Son-in-Law)

Don Harper

Elaine Grubbs

Emily Leibowitz (Ann Hand)

Franny Marotta (Ivan's- Sister -in -Law)

Holly Ross (Chamberlin)

Janice W.

Jeanne Howarth

Jose Duddy

Julie Chase

Katherine (Ann Hidell)

Keith Chisholm

Larry Trout

Lesa Kraft Angelos

Linda Woodard's Sister -in -Law

Nancy and Mark Russo

Nicholas LaCour

Nick Marcoccio

Peter Brewer

Racheal

Rebecca

Rev. Barry Wood

Roberta Sanborn

Steven Horan

Suzannah Brody

Terry Moulton

Tim Trout

Tom Marshall

All Others Who Are Sick

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 6 Shirley Bradbury
Luverne Preble

Sept 7 Lillian Bartlett

Sept 10 Nancy Chamberlin
Carol Nason

Sept 12 Adrien Baracco
Steve Liautaud
Jim Ryan

Sept 13 Kathy Johnson

Sept 21 Derek Brock

Sept 27 Isabel Fitzgerald

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
• Monday, September 18	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
• Wednesday, September 20	3:45 p.m.	Bon Appetit

EVENTS EVERY WEEK

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Hymn Sing
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Knitting Group
	11:30 a.m.	Picnic Lunch (Bring Your Own Food)
	2-4 p.m.	Cargo Shop Open
Wednesday	3:45 p.m.	Senior Moments
Thursday	2-4 p.m.	Cargo Shop Open
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Cargo Shop Open	

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
• Tuesday, September 26	12:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study
• Wednesday, September 27	6:00 p.m.	Missions Outreach

PARISH NEWS

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY ZOOM OPPORTUNITY

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study –12 Week Study The Education Committee (Thanks, Armit) welcomed 19 people to our first session of Disciple Bible Study. For those who are unable to meet on Tuesdays at 12:30 after picnic lunch and are interested in a Zoom Class the NEAC is sponsoring the class on Sunday evenings, starting tonight at 6:00 p.m. Contact Rev. Ernie Farrar, United Parish Lunenburg (MA). He can be reached at fuzziyah@gmail.com or by phone at (207) 227-5759.

IN PERSON DISCIPLE CLASS SCHEDULE

If you plan to be in the class, let Rev. Sammie know so you can pick up your materials. See Schedule Below:

2023

Week 2	September 26	p. 16-23
Week 3	October 10	p. 24-29
Week 4	October 24	p. 30-39
Week 5	November 7	p. 40-53
Week 6	November 21	p. 54-61
Week 7	December 5	p. 62-71

Holiday Break

2024

*Week 8	January 9	p. 72-79
*Week 9	January 23	p.80-87
Week 10	February 6	p. 88-95
Week 11	February 20	p. 90-109
Week 12	March 6	

*Note change of date from previously printed schedule

WOMEN'S LUNCH

Friday, September 29, at 11:30, there is a gathering at the Bull and Claw. If you plan to attend, please let Pastor Sue Ellery know. She can be reached at 978-270-7428.

NAME TAGS

Please wear your name tags, to help us be a more welcoming church community and get to know each other better. If you do not have a name tag, please let Jen (in the office) know and she will make one for you.

MISSIONS OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP

More people are needed for the Missions Outreach Committee. If interested, see Priscilla Campbell - Wyman or Rev. Sammie.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you from the children and the Education Committee to Rev. Barry Wood for the four puppets given to the Church on the Cape. Pastor Sue and the children are very excited about sharing the Bible stories and lessons using the puppets.

SAVE THE DATE

The next Keith McClelland Community Music Foundation concert is **Friday, October 20**, at 7:00p.m.

The Coastal Winds Clarinet Quartet will present music across styles and eras, including Big Band and popular show tunes.



CHURCH ON THE CAPE

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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

Rev. Sammie Maxwell

Pastor

Pastor Sue Ellery

Assistant to the Pastor

Paul Stephan

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Ivan Collazo

Custodian

Jen Murray

Administrative Assistant

The Ministers

All the Members of the Church