

Church On the Cape
United Methodist Church
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 20, 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.

****all stand if able***

HYMN SING

Susie Goodwin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you, Carol Nason and Diana Smith, for hosting Coffee Hour this morning.

PRELUDE

“Trust in Thee ”

James Southbridge

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 105)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord;

People: Call upon God's name;

Leader: Make God's deeds known to all people!

People: Glory in God's holy name!

Leader: Sing to God!

People: Sing praises to the Lord!

Leader: Seek God's strength;

People: Continually seek God's presence.

Leader: When God led Israel out of Egypt:

People: God sent a cloud by day and fire by night.

Leader: They asked and God brought quails for food.

People: God brought food in abundance.

Leader: God remembered the promise made to Abraham.

People: God brought the people out with joy.

Leader: God gave them a new land,

People: That they might live God's way! Praise the Lord!

***HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH #127**

UNISON PRAYER

Generous and loving god, we come to you, today, with our need. We open our hearts to share with you all the places in our lives where there are hungers, thirsts, yearnings, fears, uncertainties and even pain or sorrow. As you heard the cry of your people long ago, hear our prayer and grant us your providence.

We pray not only for our own need, but for the needs of our neighbors in the world around us who are suffering from devastation and loss. In these moments we remember again those who have suffered from hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. We remember so many more who are suffering from loss and great need.

Send us manna and quail. When your people are in the wilderness places of life, show us your mercy and your generosity. Then, teach us how to always be a blessing to others so that those who have need will find us to be servants of a loving and generous God. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 16:2-15
God sends food to the hungry sojourners.

STORY TIME

SECOND LESSON Philippians 1:21-30
Paul challenges us to live lives worthy of the gospel.

QUARTET **“He Who Began a Good Work in You”**
Jon Mohr

The Song Sisters Quartet

Liz Phillips, Amy Hall, Susie Goodwin, Helen Farnsworth

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 20:1-16
Jesus tells a parable about workers in the vineyard.

SOLO: **“God Help the Outcasts”**
Alan Menken, Stephen Schwartz
Leah Ludin

MESSAGE *“Worthy of the Gospel”*

OFFERTORY MUSIC: **“I Would Be True”**
Robert J. Powell

*DOXOLOGY # 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN **“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”** UMH #121

BLESSING

POSTLUDE **“God Is Our Refuge and Strength”**
Robert J. Powell

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

George Acker	Sally Ewton	Chloe McLaughlin
Ada Byrnes	Faith Gilmore	Marybeth Munroe
Judy Cadieux	Harold Falcone	Ann Nelson
Julie Chase	Patty Hutchins	Stewart Pratt
Fran Celnar	Bethany Hessel	Luverne Preble
Cheryl Collazo	Micki Kinney	Steve Russell
Mary Heather Cookson	Lesa Kraft Angelos	Beryl Samia
Micke Cooper	Brett LaCour	Lettie Samuel
Risha Deary	Nicholas LaCour	Lois Small
Beth Dudley	Janet Lennon	Eric Schoener
Henry & Diane Dynia	Charity Perry Liutai	Chuck Wildes
Jean Earley	Lee Maynard	



SEPTEMBER

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

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sun. September 20	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour
Mon. September 21	10:00 am	Chimes Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tues. September 22		Newsletter Deadline
	10:00 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
Wed. September 23	11:00 am	Upper Room Discussion
	3:00 pm	Senior Moments
Thu. September 24	2-4pm	Cargo Shop Open
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. September 25	11:30 am	Ladies Luncheon
Sat. September 26	10a-12p	Cargo Shop Open

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. September 27 Homecoming	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour
Mon. September 28	10:00 am	Chimes Rehearsal
Tues. September 29	10:00 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
Wed. September 30	11:00 am	Upper Room Discussion
	3:00 pm	Senior Moments
Thu. October, 1	2-4pm	Cargo Shop Open
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. October 2	10a-12p	Cargo Shop Open

Visit our website at www.churchonthecape for a full calendar of events here at Church on the Cape.

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 make Church on the Cape special.

LADIES LUNCHEON



BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER

September 25 at 11:30 am

RSVP to Diana smith (802-495-6724)

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YEARLY CHURCH CONFERENCE MEETING

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

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

All Church members are encouraged to attend.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

In Person- **58**

Online- **95**

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.



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, 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

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