



# ORDER OF WORSHIP    SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

## 15TH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

I welcome this day, for it is a gift from you. I place my fears in the wellspring of your love; in the warmth of your wisdom, my anxieties find rest. Grant me the courage to walk alongside you, trusting your ways and your light. Amen.

✠We rise in body or spirit

### Welcome

*Here at CCC, we are all one family. Restrooms are in the Parish House across the street. Join in when bold letters appear. We continue to mask, sanitize hands, and practice physical distancing.*

### Lighting of the Candles

✠**Call to Worship** (Rev. Holly Jackson and Rev. Amber Neuroth, adapted from Joanna Harader)

As we come together for worship let us create the time and space we need to sit with God and hear the whispers of the Spirit.

**Let us sit together under Deborah's palm tree and make space to listen.**

Let us hear the stories of our ancestors in faith who listened to the still speaking voice of God and responded. Let us consider how we fit into their story even as we write our own.

**In times of struggle and in times of peace God is present with us. In this hour we will pay attention to God tugging on hearts and calling us to a different way of life. Let us trust that through this process we can sift through the chaos of this world and align ourselves with the movement of God.**

✠**Hymn**    We Sing to You, O God    FWS 2001

**Prayer of Confession** (Rev. Holly Jackson and Rev. Amber Neuroth, adapted)

**Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for individual confession, reflection, and meditation.*

**Words of Assurance** (Rev. Holly Jackson and Rev. Amber Neuroth, adapted)

Over and over again the Bible reminds us that God forgives. God offers mercy to all, the deserving and undeserving. Know that you are forgiven, offered renewal, and loved beyond measure.

**We are forgiven and freed for the joy of God's liberating love in our lives and in our world. Thanks be to God!**

### Anthem

**Prayer for Illumination** (Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, adapted)

**Scripture**    Judges 4:1-10, 12-16  
A Word of God that is still speaking.    **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

✠**Hymn**    Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose    UMH 153

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**    God for your goodness, **we give you thanks.**

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Announcements/Offering**

*Financial gifts can be placed in the plate or made online at [www.chebeaguechurch.org](http://www.chebeaguechurch.org). We also offer ourselves in service to God's work as we connect with the ministries of the church.*

Chebeague Community Church

Knowing and working with our neighbors near and far as we grow in God's love together  
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A Reconciling Congregation

✠ **Prayer of Dedication** (enfleshed, adapted)

**God of justice and God of mercy, you confront us in the ordinary. Stirring our desires for more. Luring us to futures more just. Challenging our stubborn commitments to what is familiar, you ask us to take risks with and for each other. Do not let us settle for what is because we are afraid. Receive our offerings and bless them to the work of worlds being made new. Amen.**

✠ **Benediction**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Food Pantry** - As you close up your houses, any unopened food can be left at the Parish House to be added to our food pantry cupboards. Thank you!

**Book Study - Sundays at 4:00 pm** - will resume in October, date TBD. To stay in the loop about upcoming book studies, email Gloria Brown at [gjbrown58a@gmail.com](mailto:gjbrown58a@gmail.com)!

**Want to be involved in worship?** Always looking for lectors, call the office or email [church.chebeague@gmail.com](mailto:church.chebeague@gmail.com)

**Weekly Prayer Vigil, Wednesdays from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM** The weekly prayer vigil for Ukraine is broadening its scope to include your prayer requests. Of course, we will continue to pray for people affected by the War in Ukraine and for the church's ongoing prayer list. In addition, you may make personal prayer requests by leaving a note in the prayer request box, just inside the church door, by leaving a message on the church office telephone (846-6987), or on our website at <http://www.chebeaguechurch.org/prayer.html>.

**Bible Study on Thursdays** - The New Testament you never knew, by NT Wright & Michael Bird. Please contact Gloria Brown at [gjbrown58a@gmail.com](mailto:gjbrown58a@gmail.com). Thursdays at 2:00 pm

**Upcoming Dates:**

- **October 8 5:30 PM - Harvest Dinner potluck** - We will be serving roasted chicken and stuffing, the pot luck part is you signing up for veggies, dessert or clean up!



**PRAYER LIST**

For the families of Jason Kupetz, Mary Lee Hilly, Bruce Hutchinson, Heather Hartling, Phil Jordan, Anne Brown, and Pochie Ross. And for Lola & Bill Armstrong, Elizabeth Burbine, Ed Gilchrist, Darren Hillicoss, Hobey Hinchman, Roy & Suzanne Jackson, Jessica, Jonathan, Scott Libby, Lisa, Beryl O'Neil, Bea Pettit, Helen Scott, Alison Shepherd, Juan Toj, Grace Warne, Linda White, Craig Winslet, Rev. Alijandro and the people of Guatemala; those who live with addiction or mental illness; veterans and those serving in the military; children who are hungry or abused; victims and perpetrators of domestic violence; refugees and those who are homeless; housing on Chebeague; our island school and families, the leaders of our country, children and families at the border, the Ukrainian people, those who experience hate because of their racial identity or sexual orientation, including Black, Asian, Hispanic, Middle-Eastern, Native American and LGBTQ+ folx, all impacted by COVID-19, those who are disabled, those who are ill, our new church, our environment, those who experience injustice in our world, and that all may know hope and love.

*Please send an email to [church.chebeague@gmail.com](mailto:church.chebeague@gmail.com) to add a prayer request to our list.*

**Join us in-person and virtually! Visit our website for more information.**

<b>Sundays</b> 10 am 4 pm	Worship Book Study (on pause)	<b>Thursdays</b> 10 am 11 am 2 pm	Office Hours Ladies Aid Bible Study with Gloria Brown
<b>Wednesdays</b> 5:30 pm	Prayer Vigil	<b>Saturdays</b> 4 pm	Catholic Communion Service

**Food Pantry**  
Contact [chebundance@gmail.com](mailto:chebundance@gmail.com) to make an appointment or for information.

*To add a name to our prayer list, please contact the church office. We also have prayer shawls available to send to friends and neighbors to share God's love (and ours!) as we share in one another's joys or stand together in the midst of struggle. Contact the church office for info.*

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