



## ORDER OF WORSHIP    SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 14TH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

May I this day, O God, hold those who have been wounded, see those who have been scarred, bear witness for those who carry much, and catch those who fall through the cracks. May I seek to do so standing alongside others, that our hearts may be softened to the pains and troubles in this world. 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)

We come to hear the stories of other people in another world long ago.

**We come to hear the stories that are also about us today, in this place.**

Stories that sound familiar and stories that make us wonder.

**Let us open our hearts to hear God's story and find our place in it.**

✠**Hymn**    I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry    FWS 2051

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

**Merciful One, we confess that sometimes we talk when we should listen, sleep when we need to stay awake, and refuse to help those who have fallen down. Forgive us for the times when we have forgotten to care for our neighbors, those we know and those we don't know. Help us to offer healing and hope to others, even as we seek the same healing and hope for ourselves. Amen.**

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

### Words of Assurance

Even when it feels like you have fallen away from God, God's grace and forgiveness surrounds you, each and every day.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

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

**Scripture**    Acts 20:7-12

A Word of God that is still speaking.    **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

✠**Hymn**    Here I Am, Lord    UMH 593

**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.**

**Baptism**    see insert

**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.*

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

**Trouble our complacency, break open our hearts, awaken our senses, free us from the need to control, and renew our moral imaginations. Make us alive with possibility, and rich in dreams of what could be. May we seek to catch others when they fall, surely as your Holy Spirit catches us. Amen.**

✠**Benediction**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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:**

- **Sunday September 18th**, Bob Eaton has offered to facilitate a “pick up choir” at 9:00 a.m. for an anthem “Dona Nobis Pacem” or a piece reflecting the voices that arrive that morning. Sunday’s prelude will be a “hymn sing.” You choose your favorite hymn and we’ll sing a verse or two. I hope you will join us!

- **September 11th, 12 PM - Council Meeting** - All are welcome to join us as we spend the first portion of our meeting learning and growing together and move to actionable items and reports at 12:30 PM. Parish House or Zoom - access info at [www.chebeaguechurch.org/leadership](http://www.chebeaguechurch.org/leadership).

- **October 8 5:30 PM - Harvest Dinner potluck** - Watch for details and how you might get involved!

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**PRAYER LIST**

For the families of Mary Lee Hilly, Bruce Hutchinson, Heather Hartling, Phil Jordan, Anne Brown, and Poochie 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>		<b>Thursdays</b>	
10 am	Worship	10 am	Office Hours
4 pm	Book Study (on pause)	11 am	Ladies Aid
		2 pm	Bible Study with Gloria Brown
<b>Wednesdays</b>		<b>Saturdays</b>	
5:30 pm	Prayer Vigil	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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