



ORDER OF WORSHIP MAY 15, 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Draw me today into fresh encounters with Jesus, O God. Make me a servant of love so that others may know how much You love them and I may know how much You love me. Let me not be afraid of new pastures, whether they be green or brown or parched. Even as the world becomes more callous and chaotic, may I never underestimate Your capacity to fashion the miraculous from the monstrous, even to make me a choice masterpiece from the mire and the clay. - Leonard Sweet, adapted

✠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. For COVID, we are masking, sanitizing hands, and practicing physical distancing. During songs, we invite you to be in prayerful meditation or sing along in your heart.

✠Call to Worship (UCC Worship Ways)

Celebrate our God, from the plains to the mountains!

Celebrate our God, from the waters and hills.

Sing to our God who designed creation.

Fill the air with song to the One who painted the world with love.

Let us praise our God, the author of grace.

Let us worship our God, the composer of joy.

✠Hymn They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (FWS 2223)

Prayer of Confession (UCC Worship Ways and Lectionary Liturgies)

We were given the great commandment to love one another the way you, the Christ, the Spirit loves us. And yet, the way we love becomes conditional. We put people into neat, little boxes, but you rip them open, so folks can dance in your joy. We imprison others with our unmet expectations, and you set them free with a Word. We build walls around those we don't know, and you tear them down, so they can run wild in the kingdom.

What events have distorted our view of Divine Love? How can we return to a simple but radical way of loving? Transform our hearts as we work to understand one another, creating an earth which reflects God's heaven. Give us your vision that sees everyone as equal - forgiven, graced, loved - as we seek to follow you in the way of Jesus.

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

Words of Assurance (Lectionary Liturgies, adapted)

We know who God is by the love shown to us in Christ Jesus.

We will show others who we are - and Whose we are - by the love poured out by our lives.

Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people! Amen.

Prayer for Illumination (enfleshed, adapted)

Scripture Acts 11:1-18; John 13:31-35

✠Hymn There's A Spirit of Love

Scripture Revelation 21:1-6

Leader: A Word of God that is still speaking,

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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. We also offer ourselves in service to God's work as we connect with the ministries of the church.

✠Prayer of Dedication (enfleshed)

God, you have given us the simplest and most challenging commandment: love one another. In service to this calling, we offer these gifts and pray for this community. May we build each other up in love. May we be challenged to learn from each other. May we provide for and protect one another. And may this love, in this place, be carried from here to the edges of the earth. By your grace, we pray you make it so. Amen.

✠Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us at our next Council Meeting, Sunday, May 15th. Meeting will begin at 12 PM with our time of spiritual formation and 12:30 PM will begin actionable items and reports. Access info is available at the leadership page on our website or on our online calendar. You'll also be able to find and download the agenda and packet of material for the meeting.

Pihcintu Chorus Saturday, June 4th, 2:00 pm at the Hall. This multi-cultural chorus led by renowned producer and writer Con Fullam will be amazing!

Our Chedemption week is June 22 through June 27. There will be a clipboard sign up in the sanctuary narthex, and you can call or email the office to let us know when you'd like a slot!

Weekly Prayer Vigil for Ukraine Wednesday evenings, 5:30 - 6:30 PM. On Thursdays, the sanctuary will be open from 10 AM - 1 PM.

Volunteers needed! to assist making food for June 4th Pihcintu concert. Talk to Sharon Rent if you can help!

PRAYER LIST

For the families of Harris Putnam, Ester Knight, Tyler Gwillim, Ashley Bean, Dan Barker, and Chuck Hilly. And for Lola & Bill Armstrong, Anne Brown, Bob Dyer, Ed Gilchrist, Kyle Grannell, 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, 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 to add a prayer request to our list.

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

Table with 2 columns: Days (Sundays, Wednesdays, Saturdays) and Times/Activities (Worship, Book Study, Prayer Vigil, Office Hours, Ladies Aid, Catholic Communion Service).

Food Pantry Contact 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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