



ORDER OF WORSHIP AUGUST 28, 2022

13TH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

Generous God, you come to me again and again, calling and giving me your good work to do. Increase in my heart a generous spirit, so that I may do your work with joy alongside others whom you also love, and so that I may celebrate your liberating love not only in my life, but also in the lives of others - even those I had not even imagined would be included in the unfolding of your kingdom. Amen. (From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, 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.

Lighting of the Candles

✠Call to Worship (Rev. Ruth Farrell)

Where can we go from the Holy Spirit?

Where can we flee from God's presence?

If we go up to the highest peak, God is there.

If we make our beds in the deepest valleys, God is there.

If we fly on the wings of the sun, stopping to rest only on the farthest side of the sea,

Even there, God will guide us and hold us close.

Even if life is filled with the darkest darkness,

That darkness will be like the brightest day because God is with us.

Come, let us worship God who is sheer grace and mercy, not easily angered, rich in love, and full of forgiveness.

✠Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty UMH 139

Prayer of Confession (enfleshed, adapted)

God, there is nowhere we can go where you are not with us. No matter who we are or where we are on our journey, you are there. You do not rush our growth or push us beyond our capabilities, but neither do you cease calling us away from what destroys. Speak to our hearts in this moment, O God, as we silently confess the places where we need your grace. May we be willing partners in our own transformation and faithful to the urgent cries of this time. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

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

Words of Assurance (enfleshed, adapted)

Here, we are invited to be real about our lives - what makes us weep or rage or feel nothing at all. We hear one another and hold one another, trusting that God hears and holds us as well. In gratitude for the gift of grace and forgiveness, we give our thanks and praise!

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 Jonah 3:1 - 4:11

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

Sermon

✠Hymn Your Love, O God UMH 120

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.

Communion (see insert)

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, in your presence, we are nourished in abundance. You make our weary hearts glad. You awaken us to the ordinary gifts that surround us. May fears of scarcity never let us forget all that we have. Keep us from greed. Keep us from selfishness. Let generosity and hospitality always pour forth from this place. Amen.

✠Benediction



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!

Want to be involved in worship? Always looking for lectors, call the office or email 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. Thursdays at 2:00 pm

Upcoming Dates:

- **September 8th, 4 PM - Planning Workshop** - Have an idea about an event or program we can offer at the church? Want to dream about what the next season of ministry looks like for this congregation? Join us at the Parish House or on Zoom!

- **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.

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



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, 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, 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 to add a prayer request to our list.

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

Sundays

10 am Worship
4 pm Book Study (on pause)

Thursdays

10 am Office Hours
11 am Ladies Aid
2 pm Bible Study with Gloria Brown

Wednesdays

5:30 pm Prayer Vigil

Saturdays

4 pm 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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