



ORDER OF WORSHIP OCTOBER 23, 2022

20TH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

Holy One, as I move through this new day, I pray that you will keep me in union with the faith and knowledge of Jesus. I long to mature into the stature of Christ. Help me to speak the truth in love today, that I may grow into him, my savior, my teacher, and my friend, Jesus Christ. 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. Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)

Lead a life worthy of your calling.

We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.

Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling, gifts to be used with service and meekness.

We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

✠Hymn For The Beauty of the Earth UMH 92

Prayer of Confession (Ministry Matters)

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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

Words of Assurance

God always accepts us and works in us - transforming us from the inside out. Let us give thanks for God's never-failing grace.

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

Scripture Ephesians 4:11-16

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

Sermon

✠Hymn I Sing A Song of the Saints of God UMH 712

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 (World Council of Churches, adapted)

Loving God, Take us from where we are, to where you want us to be; make us not merely guardians of a heritage, but living signs of your coming Kingdom; fire us with passion for justice and peace between all people; fill us with that faith, hope and love which embody the Gospel; and through the power of the Holy Spirit make us one. Empower us to use our gifts in ways that fill us and our church with life for the sake of the flourishing of all. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

✠Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Book Study - Sundays at 4:00 pm - The Church Cracked Open by Stephanie Sellers.. To join this book group, email Gloria Brown at gjbrown58a@gmail.com!

Bible Study on Thursdays at 2:00 pm - The Gospel of Luke by William Barclay. Please contact Gloria Brown at gjbrown58a@gmail.com.

For the month of October we will be exploring Spiritual Gifts and how we can use them. Visit www.chebeaguechurch.org/files.html to download a PDF version of the inventory. Be sure to let us know what your gifts are!

Upcoming Dates:

Note that our November 5th Harvest Dinner potluck has been cancelled due to COVID concerns. *Thank you to those who have signed up to help and contribute!*

Pastor Melissa on Leave: November 1 – December 15 In the event of a pastoral emergency or funeral need, please contact Linda Brewster at 207-807-2210. For any other church-related matters, please contact Gloria Brown by email gjbrown58a@gmail.com or leave a message at 207-846-3491.

Upcoming services and series: Join us over these next several weeks for worship at 10 AM! November 6th, 13th, and 20th: Join us to hear voices from our church community share about how they are living out their gifts to make a difference in their community and world.

November 27th: Help us decorate our sanctuary for worship at our normal 10 AM time. (No Zoom option)

December 4th: Meet at the sanctuary at 10 AM for a caroling journey throughout the island. (No Zoom option)

December 11th: Our annual intergenerational Christmas Pageant is back! Individuals and families are encouraged to join in this retelling of the Christmas story with song, story, and costumes – with our very own Chebeague twist!

December 18th: Join us for Pastor Melissa's final Sunday worship service

December 24th: 7 PM is our traditional carols and candles Christmas Eve service! Same Zoom information as our weekly worship.

December 25th: No Sunday worship – Christmas Day

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PRAYER LIST
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For the families of Frank Mansfield, Cevat Erder, Jeremy Putnam, Jason Kupetz, Mary Lee Hilly, Bruce Hutchinson, and Heather Hartling. And for Lola & Bill Armstrong, Deb Bowman, Elizabeth Burbine, Ed Gilchrist, Darren Hillicoss, Hobey Hinchman, Roy & Suzanne Jackson, Jessica, Jonathan, Carla Widlund Joyce, 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+ folk, 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		Thursdays	
10 am	Worship	10 am	Office Hours
4 pm	Book Study	11 am	Ladies Aid
		2 pm	Bible Study with Gloria Brown
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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