

ORDER OF WORSHIP FEBRUARY 13, 2022 7TH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

In the morning when I rise, O God, you are with me strong and sure, turning my dreams into insights and filling me with the breath of life. I stretch my arms out in praise and open my eyes to greet the sun. Guide my hands and feet, tune my heart to yours, and be an ever constant companion throughout my day. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen. (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.

Call to Worship (Roddy Hamilton, Mucky Paws)

Song

Prayer of Confession (David Adam, adapted)

Lord, help me return again to you. Take from me the tension that makes peace impossible. Take from me the fears that do not allow me to venture. Take from me the worries that blind my sight. Take from me the distress that hides your joy. Help me to know that I am with you, that I am in your care, that I am in your love, that you and I are one.

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

Sharing in Forgiveness (Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)

Take delight in the good news, dear friends. Salvation is from our God, who restores us to new life. **God chooses to be gracious; God longs to give us our heart's desires; God provides healing and hope to all. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Luke 6:27-38

Sermon

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

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

Please send an email to church.chebeague@gmail.com to add a prayer request to our list.

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 in the entryway 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, adapted)

We gather our resources to bolster networks of compassion so the sacred worth of all people might be honored through care. For we honor each other by sustaining systems of life. We dedicate our gifts to the freedom and flourishing of bodies everywhere. We long for prison systems to crumble and for healthcare to be accessible. We long for air that is fresh and water that is clean. We long for nourishing food and spaces where all are safe to live and play. Meet us in our longing, oh God, that we may help to make it so. Amen.

✠Benediction (Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)

We leave, our hearts filled with God's love.

We will go to offer the wonders of laughter and hope to everyone we will meet.

We leave, following Jesus into the world.

We will serve alongside him in the brokenness of our neighbors and our communities.

We leave, having heard the whispers of the Spirit.

We will speak justice to those who would hoard it only for themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Study Group: Sundays at 3 PM on Zoom, eight sessions planned for My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending our Hearts and Bodies by Resmaa Menachem. FMI, please contact Gloria Brown at gjbrown58a@gmail.com

Love to knit? We are in need of prayer/comfort shawls as part of our outreach. Let us know if you need a pattern or supplies.

Interested in helping New Mainers in South Freeport? Sign up on Freeport Community Services' website to be on the list learn about current volunteer opportunities and needs.

Lent begins on March 2nd, and the worship team is excited to announce that for this upcoming liturgical season, our theme will be "Good Enough" - based on Kate Bowler's book "Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection" that is coming out on February 15th. We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility—climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula to gain success. Perhaps we even gravitate towards spiritual leaders who promise great rewards if we only do "the right thing." But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we've just slipped from. So what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves? Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our "good enough" lives.

You can follow along in the book, available now for pre-order, and download a free Lenten devotional guide at www.katebowler.com/lent. **Join us on Wednesdays at 9 AM starting 3/9 for a Zoom Small Group** (815 200 0968, passcode 20152020) if you are wanting to go deeper with the series or have companions for your Lenten practice.

Also join us for an **Ash Wednesday Sunset Service on 3/2 at 5 PM** (location TBD).

Please **join us at our next Council Meeting, Sunday, March 13th at 12 PM** (both in-person at the Parish House and online via Zoom). We will start with a 1/2-hour spiritual leadership development session using the book *Holy Living: Discernment: Spiritual Practices of Building a Life of Faith* by Beth Ann Estock and Elaine A. Heath (106 pp. 2019). Everyone is welcome to join us for the 1/2 hour session, even if you don't want to stay for the rest of the meeting. We are ordering books, so if interested, please let Melissa know ASAP. Access info is available at the leadership page on our website or on our online calendar.

PRAYER LIST

For the families of Jodi Lefebvre Chamberland, Gail Bourgeois Errera, Lisa and Chuck Googins, Herb Rich, Alan Gray, Margaret Ingram, Dick Bowen, and Bill Cushing. And for Lola & Bill Armstrong, Dan Barker, Anne Brown, Bob Dyer, Ed Gilchrist, Darren Hillicoss, Kyle Grannell, Chuck Hilly, Hobey Hinchman, Marcia Howell, Billy Hutchinson, Roy & Suzanne Jackson, Jessica, Jonathan, Mary Lou & Frank Koughan, Scott Libby, Lisa, Beryl O'Neil, Tim & Susan Opalenik, Bea Pettit, Helen Scott, Alison Shepherd, Juan Toj, 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.

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

Sundays		Thursdays	
10 am	Worship	10 am	Office Hours
3 pm	Book Study (starting 2/6)	11 am	Ladies Aid
		1 pm	Bible Study with Gloria Brown
Wednesdays			
9 am	Good Enough Small Group (starting 3/9)		

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 share God's love (and ours as well!) so people know we are sharing in their joy or standing with them in their struggles.

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