



ORDER OF WORSHIP JULY 24, 2022 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others. Open my ears that I may hear their cries; open my heart so that they need not be without succor; let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. And so open my eyes and my ears that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee. - Alan Paton

✠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 (Rev. Amber Henry Neuroth, Hope UCC in Alexandria, VA)

One: We gather to worship!

All: We have come to claim our inheritance as the people of God!

One: We gather to encounter God.

All: We have come to experience the beautiful mix of Spirit and humanity.

One: We gather to explore faith in community.

All: We are ready to worship in new ways! Amen!

✠Hymn The Church's One Foundation (see insert)

Prayer of Confession (UCC Worship Ways)

Just God, we sense your anger at the injustice that thrives in the world. We share your grief at the discord that rages among your children, the rejection of those who bear your image, and the oppression of those you know by name. We turn toward you for strength and guidance to turn away from the norms of this world, the lure of self-righteousness, and the appeal of comfort over justice. Embolden us to believe that another world is possible and empower us to participate in its creation. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

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

Words of Assurance (UCC Worship Ways)

The One who is holy and righteous makes us holy and righteous. We are participants, heirs, and co-creators of new life found in the redemptive love of Jesus Christ and in the realm of the Holy One which has no end. In this, grace abounds and liberates us to new mornings, new mercies, and new life.

Thanks be to God for grace that surrounds us, frees us, and draws us deeper into life!

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

Scripture Numbers 27:1-11

Leader: A Word of God that is still speaking, **People: Thanks be to God.**

Reflection Questions (from Faces of our Faith Study Guide - see reverse)

Sermon

✠Hymn Imagine the People of God (see insert)

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** (Ruth Farrell, St. Peter's UCC, adapted)

God who loves us as Father and Mother, protector of those who are weak, champion of justice: we give of ourselves with joyful and grateful hearts, grateful for all the ways you lovingly parent us. Help us follow in your footsteps every day of our lives, using the voices you have given us to speak out on behalf of those who are oppressed, frightened, marginalized, in danger, so that all may live in your peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

✠ **Benediction**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Study - Starting July 17th! - Join Gloria and others on Sunday afternoons to discuss *Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God* by Kaitlin Curtice. From Kaitlin Curtice's website: "Native is about identity, soul-searching, and being on the never-ending journey of finding ourselves and finding God. As both a member of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, Kaitlin Curtice offers a unique perspective on these topics. In this book, she shows how reconnecting with her Native American roots both informs and challenges her Christian faith." Meet at the Library or on Zoom on Sunday afternoons at 4 PM. Email Gloria Brown at gjbrown58a@gmail.com FMI.

Want to be involved in worship? Always looking for lectors, call the office or email church.chebeague@gmail.com

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

Save the date! July 31 is a celebration of you and your connection to our church and life of faith and service. Please reserve your spot by July 27th, by emailing church.chebeague@gmail.com or leaving a message at 846-6987. **Note that worship on 7/31 will start at 10:30 AM!**

Reflection Questions (from Faces of our Faith Study Guide)

- How do the daughters make their case before Moses? What rationale do they present? How might this new law affect their tribe as a whole?
- In his famous Letter from a Birmingham Jail, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. argues the differences between just and unjust laws. How do you discern the difference between laws that are just and unjust? How does God define what is just? What current laws might need to be re-examined?
- How do we lift our voices and share our truth with one another in our community? How do we balance power and listen to the voices of all, especially those at the edge of "the tent?"



PRAYER LIST

For the families of Anne Brown, Poochie Ross, Will Sharp, and Bob Dyer. And for Lola & Bill Armstrong, 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+ 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
		1 pm	Bible Study with Gloria Brown
Wednesdays		Saturdays	
5:30 pm	Prayer Vigil for Ukraine	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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