

# The Cotuit Federated Church

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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2020

### WELCOME

### PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

### OPENING HYMN:

#### ***Morning Has Broken***

[Hymnal #145; Carlton R. Young]

*Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise  
for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise  
for them springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew fall on the first grass. Praise  
for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in  
completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born  
of the one light Eden saw play<sup>1</sup> Praise with  
elation, praise every morning, God's recreation  
of the new day!*

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### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

#### ***The Blessing of the Backpack & Our Calendars***

### HEBREW BIBLE LESSON: Genesis 9: 8-16

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with

you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 4:11-16

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

## MEDITATION:

Insights from the Equipping Team

## SPECIAL MUSIC Lynne Belfiore

### ***From a Distance***

[written by: Julie Gold]

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### ***Prayer in Song:***

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

## Gathering of the Prayers

### ***Prayer in Song***

## OFFERTORY

### **\*Doxology:**

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow,  
Praise God all creature here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

## CLOSING HYMN:

### ***Here I am, Lord***

[Hymnal #593; Dan Schutte]

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my  
hand will save. I who made the stars of  
night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom  
shall I send?*

### ***Refrain:***

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have  
heard you calling in the night. I will go,  
Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your  
people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne  
my people's pain. I have wept for love of  
them. They turn away. I will break their  
hearts of stone, give them hearts for love  
alone. I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? **Refrain.***

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the  
poor and lame, I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save. Finest bread I will  
provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will  
give my life to them. Whom shall I send?  
**Refrain.***

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