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Congregation
of the United Church of Christ
and the
United Methodist Church.

No matter who you are
or where you are
on your faith journey,
you are welcome
at the
Cotuit Federated Church!

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 10, 2021 | 10 o'clock in the morning



Liturgy and Prayers by Spill the Beans

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

‘The grace of God means something like:

"Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are, because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you."

There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you'll reach out and take it.

Maybe being able to reach out and take it is a gift too.'

— Frederick Buechner

GUEST INFORMATION: Thank you for worshipping with us today! Pick up a welcome brochure to learn more about our church. Join us for coffee hour following today's worship — just follow the crowd to our community room (Bruce Hall). Both our sanctuary and community room are handicapped-accessible at the High Street entrance. Handicapped parking is available on High Street and in the driveway to Bruce Hall. Please ask a Greeter or Deacon to answer any questions.

FELLOWSHIP PADS: Whenever you have questions or comments, feel free to note them in the red fellowship pads available at each pew. Everyone — guests and regular attendees alike — are asked to sign the fellowship pads when passed during the Offering. If you are a first time visitor, please include your email or physical mailing address.

PRAYER CARDS: You will find prayer request cards at the Welcome Center and in the pew racks. You are invited to fill out a card and place it in the offering basket. If you want your request included in next Sunday's bulletin, please check the appropriate box.

OUR E-LIST: The "Weekly Word" is an e-mail newsletter for our members and friends. If you do not receive it and would like to, please complete the New Comer form available in the Welcome Packet, or call the Church Office at (508) 428-6163 or e-mail cfc436@gmail.com to sign up.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to donate flowers on any given Sunday, please sign up on the Sign-Up Sheet or contact Margaret in the office—(508) 428-6163— with your dedication.

Please join us today for coffee and refreshments following the service.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 12, 2021 | 10 o'clock in the morning

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, and CONCERNS

Additional announcements can be found in the Weekly Word e-mail sent out on Friday mornings.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Passing of the Peace is the oldest part of the Christian liturgy and is a special way we welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. At this time due to COVID, you are invited to participate by crossing your hands over your heart, waving or giving the sign of the peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

Mary Beth O'Brien

One: Come, you who hunger to taste the bread of life!
Come, you who thirst for living water!
Come, you who hunger for justice and peace,
and you who thirst for God's kingdom
to drop like rain upon the world:
come, let us journey together as a community of faith,
come, let us worship God.

**Many: Just enough,
help us to learn, God,
what is just enough and then,
with all that is left
show us how to bless others.**

Many: **Open our eyes to the wonder
of your goodness to us everyday
and help us not to grasp too tightly
what you mean us to give away
for you, O God, are faithful every day.
Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Please join in singing.

We Gather Together

Hymnal 131

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!*

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Beth O'Brien

One: Let us pray the prayer of confession together. . .

**All: God of all creation,
God of the universe,
of the stars in the sky,
of the grains of sand on the beach,
we marvel at the wonder of all you have created
and we marvel at our place in all of that.
You, Lord of all, care for us.**

**Lord, we confess that too often
we do not pause to realize your majesty.
We move through life with a sense of entitlement yet we are
nothing without you.
You created all
and gift your creation to our safe keeping.**

**Forgive us, Lord,
when we so readily squander your gifts, when we mess up what
you made perfect, when we despise what you call good.**

**Forgive us and call us back,
time and again, to gratitude and praise
for all that you are and all you created us to be and,
as we recognize how blessed we are,
may we share that blessing with others
in honor of you, Lord of all.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

SPECIAL MUSIC

Performed by Mairead Mayen

Footprints in the Sand

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Young children are invited forward to share in the Children's Message.

HYMN

Hymnal 127

Please join in singing.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; (give to thee) I will ever give to thee.

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HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Exodus 16:1-8

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

GOSPEL BIBLE LESSON

John 6:51

Mary Beth O'Brien

MEDITATION

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Gather

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Before and after our prayer we will sing.

Prayer in Song [TFWS # 2025]

*As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You*

*You alone are my strength my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You*

Gathering of the Prayers

Prayer in Song

Lord's Prayer

The 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.

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

Hymn #664

Please join in singing.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.*

*The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.*

*The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.*

*God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.*

*With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.*

*Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.*

*With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.*

*Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S SERVERS

Ministers: *All the People of Cotuit Federated Church*

Pastor: *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou* | Director of Music: *Megan Anthony*

Deacon for October: *Dick Hamilton* | Lay Reader: *Mary Beth O'Brien*

Greeters: *Bill Johnson, Priscilla Johnson*

Director of Christian Education: *Lynne Belfiore*

Admin. Assistant for Ministry: *Margaret Margolis* | Sexton: *Mark Eames*

Thank you to all who served today!

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- Sunday School will meet on the playground following the Children's Moment.
- Join us after service for coffee and refreshments.

Look for more information in the Weekly Word or in future bulletins.

See back page for this week's Calendar.

NAME TAGS:

When you are in the building, please make sure to wear your name tag (especially to Coffee Hour!). Baskets are available to collect them when you are leaving. Name Tags are in cabinet alphabetically by last name. There is a sheet for those who are new and didn't get one or for name changes.

*Church Office 508-428-6163 or
cfc436@gmail.com.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIRACLE KITCHEN and FAITH FAMILY KITCHEN:

Thursday, October 14, Tuesday, October 26, and Wednesday, October 20 (FFK)

The Salvation Army (100 North Street, Hyannis) is back up and running. Miracle Kitchen food will be prepared there. The Faith Family Kitchen is also back and is the third Wednesday of the month 4:30 –7 p.m. For more information about volunteering for either of these wonderful programs, contact Ken Molloy at kmacape@comcast.net.

SMALL GROUP BOOK STUDY

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Beginning October 5 through December 7 (no class on 11/23). An eight week, small group book study on the ancient, time-tested practice of praying the Scriptures. Books available in Bruce Hall for \$10. Look for ZOOM link in the Weekly Word e-mail.

NEXT SUNDAY—October 17 ...



on your mark . . . get set . . . dig . . .

It's a go!

Ground-Breaking

Sunday, October 17, 2021
at 11:30 a.m.



CALENDAR

MONDAY, October 11

Cotuit Nursery School	9 a.m.—noon
Chair Yoga for Seniors	9 a.m.
AA Meeting	6:30 —7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, October 12

BET meeting	8:30 a.m.
Church Office Open	9 a.m.—2 p.m.
Cotuit Nursery School	9 a.m.—noon
Deacon's Meeting	5 p.m.
Bible Book Study (ZOOM)	6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, October 13

Church Office Open	9 a.m.—2 p.m.
Cotuit Nursery School	9 a.m.—noon
Prayer Circle	9 a.m.
AA Women's Group—BREATHE	6:30—8 p.m.

THURSDAY, October 14

Church Office Open	9 a.m.—2 p.m.
Cotuit Nursery School	9 a.m.—noon
Chair Yoga for Seniors	9 a.m.
Miracle Kitchen (HYANNIS)	10 a.m.
Handbell Choir	6 p.m.

FRIDAY, October 15

Church Office Open	9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Cotuit Nursery School	9 a.m.—noon
AA Meeting	7—8 p.m.

SATURDAY, October 21

SUNDAY, October 17

Worship	10 a.m.
Sunday School	10:15 a.m.
Ground-breaking Ceremony	11:30 a.m.

REMINDER: If you holding a meeting at Cotuit Federated Church, please let the office know so we can avoid scheduling conflicts. Thank you in advance for your help!

For more events,

www.cotuitfederatedchurch.org