

Third Sunday After Pentecost



We are an Open and
Affirming/Reconciling
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!



Sunday, June 26, 2022 | 10 o'clock in the morning

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From The Artist: Hannah Garrity

Having the bravery and confidence to stand up to an inappropriate request from a superior is both paramount to the moral foundation of society, and extremely difficult. We each know deep down when we are doing right or wrong. In this text, Vashti's modesty and fearlessness resonated with me. I imagined her recognizing that her husband's demand for her to show her beauty to his drunken friends overstepped his bounds. Her simple reply, "no," is feared by the male "sages who knew the laws" (Esther 1:13). They advise the king to cast Queen Vashti out and to replace her with a new queen. Here I have represented Vashti dancing alone. I see her living into her refusal with grace and beauty, exhibiting independence and strength in her solitary righteousness.

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 attenders 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 Shannon in the office— (508) 428-6163— with your dedication.

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

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 26, 2022 | 10 o'clock in the morning

PRELUDE

Take Me Out To The Ballgame

WELCOME

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.

INTROIT

Cape Harmony

In My Life

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

*Kettleer, Daniel Brooks
College of Charleston*

One: We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that sets us free.

Many: We come, hoping to encounter God.

One: We come to learn more of who God is, and who God is calling us to be.

Many: With God's help we will learn when to say no to our society so that we can embrace God's calling.

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One: Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that sees our fear of not fitting in, not being accepted and calls us beloved.

Many: It is with hope, not in ourselves, but in God, that we come to follow Christ.

All: O God, our source of strength and comfort, we come to you today in worship and praise. We also come as fragile beings who sometimes fail to do the right thing because it is also the hard thing. Be with us in this time of worship and renew in us the peace that only you can provide that tells us we are accepted, we are loved, and we can stand up to society and proudly claim to be your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

*OPENING HYMN

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Please join in singing.

Guide My Feet

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Kettleer, Kade Kern
Ohio State*

One: Dear God, thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.

**Many: O thou, most holy and beloved,
my Companion, my Guide upon the way
my bright evening star.**

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One: We repent of the wrongs we have done: *Silence*
We have wounded your love.

Many: O God, heal us.

One: We stumble in the darkness.

Many: Light of the world, transfigure us

One: We forget that we are your home.

Many: Spirit of God, dwell in us.

One: Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us.

Many: Living flame, burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

Cape Harmony

Killing Me Softly
Lauren Hill & The Fugees

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON I
Esther 1: 1-22

Daniel Brooks

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Cape Harmony

Big Girls Don't Cry

MEDITATION

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

The Power of No

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Cape Harmony

Go Your Own Way

Fleetwood Mac

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON
Esther 2: 1-17

Kade Kern

MEDITATION

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

The Power of One

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Cape Harmony

Beautiful

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Prayer in Song

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Gathering of the Prayer

Prayer in Song

Lord's Prayer

Prayer in Song

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.

OFFERTORY

Cape Harmony

Thank You

Invitation to Offering

Bringing our Pledges and Gifts Forward

***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

Please join in singing.

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In The Midst Of New Dimensions

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Cape Harmony

Parting Glass



TODAY'S SERVERS

Ministers: *The People of Cotuit Federated Church*
Pastor: *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou* | Director of Music: *Megan Anthony*
Deacon: *Dan Hart* | Lay Readers: *Kettleers*
Greeters: *Kathi Campbell & Chris Knight*
Director of Christian Education: *Lynne Belfiore*
Admin. Assistant for Ministry: *Shannon Boon* | Sexton: *Mark Eames*

Thank you to all who served today!

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Coffee hour in honor of our special guests

Cape Harmony and the Cotuit Kettleers

will be held after service.



FACES
OF OUR
FAITH
BOLD & UNTOLD STORIES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIRACLE KITCHEN & FAITH FAMILY KITCHEN:

Tuesday, June 28th

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**

CAPE HARMONY:

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Cape Harmony returns to Cotuit Federated Church for weekly summer performances on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with performances there is a signup sheet in sanctuary entrance, or you can call or email Shannon in church office at 508-428-6163 or **cfc436@comcast.net**

ALL CHURCH MEETING:

Sunday, July 10th

Two motions for financial decisions for the building expansion project will be voted on at an ALL CHURCH meeting to be held on Sunday, July 10th following service. You can review the motions in advance by clicking on the link found in the WEEKLY WORD or on the CFC website under the CALENDAR & MEMBERS page:

<https://www.cotuitfederatedchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Two-Motions-for-Money-for-Building-Expansion-Project.pdf>

Hard copies are available on the communion table at the Kraft room sanctuary entrance.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, June 27

Church Office	8:30-1:30
AA (Bruce Hall)	6:30 —7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 28

Church Office Open	8:30-1:30
Miracle Kitchen	10:30 a.m.
Cape Harmony	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, June 29

Church Office Open	8:30-1:30
Prayer Circle	9 a.m.
AA Women's Group	6:30—8 p.m.

THURSDAY, June 30

Church Office Open	8:30-1:30
BET Meeting	8:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, July 1

Church Office	8:30-12:30
AA	7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, July 2

SUNDAY, July 3

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Worship	10 a.m.
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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,

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