

Ninth 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, August 7, 2022 | 9 o'clock in the morning

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“THE KISS”
from the artist | LISLE GWYNN
GARRITY

I get really emotional when I think about Judas. I think my emotion stems from a painting I saw in Florence, Italy, called “The Kiss of Judas” by Giuseppe Montanari. **(see back cover)** It’s an ethereal, dreamy image of a tender moment. Time seems suspended, stars twinkle in the sky, and the figures of Jesus and Judas almost float in the bittersweet haze of this passing moment. If you didn’t know who these figures were, you might think this was an idyllic, simple moment, but it is so grievous and complicated. This image makes me cry. I feel like Judas represents those who are afraid to stand up against the powerful. He allows fear to move him. He faces torture and death by aligning himself with Jesus and does what I think a lot of us would do. A lot of us would chose safety and betrayal instead of the path of suering for a fight that seems impossible to win. In Matthew’s account of this story, Judas kills himself because he can’t survive knowing what he has done; he can’t live with himself. The echoes of his decision continue to reverberate and he is the vilified scapegoat of our faith. I think we act like Judas in passing moments every day. That’s why I drew this image. That’s why I love the image by Montanari; it humanizes Judas and forces us to face the relationship Judas had with Jesus, to face our relationship with Jesus. Judas’ relationship is fraught, complicated, and ultimately tragic, but I know there were moments of beauty.

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, August 7, 2022 | 9 o'clock in the morning

PRELUDE

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

Gary Potter

One: Today, we bring our fears.

All: God brings courage.

One: Today, we bring our pain.

All: God brings healing.

One: Today, we bring our despair.

All: God brings hope.

One: Let us worship the God of courage, healing, and hope.

*OPENING HYMN

Please join in singing.

Hymnal #357

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gary Potter

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.
O thou, most holy and beloved,
my Companion, my Guide upon the way
my bright evening star.
We repent of the wrongs we have done:

Silence

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We have wounded your love.

O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.

Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

**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.
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.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY

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

GOSPEL LESSON
Mark 14: 1-2, 10-50

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

GOSPEL LESSON II
Matthew 27: 1-10

Gary Potter

THOUGHTS ON JUDAS

Carol-Jean O'Toole

MEDITATION

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Betrayal

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mairead Mayen

You Will Be Found

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation

The Lord's Prayer TFWS#2278

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.

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*CLOSING HYMN

Please join in singing.

Hymnal #347

Spirit Song

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Craftfest Cotuit is coming !
Join us on the village green August 20th &
21st and bring your beloved!



Aug 20 & 21, 2022
10:00-4:00

Cotuit Village Green 40 School St. Cotuit, MA

CRAFT FEST COTUIT

WWW.CRAFTFESTCOTUIT.COM

TODAY'S SERVERS

Ministers: *All the People of Cotuit Federated Church*
Pastor: *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou* | Director of Music: *Megan Anthony*
Deacon: *Kathi Campbell* | Lay Reader: *Gary Potter*
Greeters: *Chris & Cindy Kenna*
Director of Christian Education: *Lynne Belfiore*
Admin. Assistant for Ministry: *Shannon Boon* | Sexton: *Mark Eames*

Thank you to all who served today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIRACLE KITCHEN & FAITH FAMILY KITCHEN:

****NO DATES IN AUGUST DUE TO CRAFTFEST**

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's FINAL performance at CFC for Summer 2022 will be this Tuesday, August 9th!

CALENDAR

MONDAY, August 8

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

TUESDAY, August 9

Church Office Open 8: 30 –1:30
 Cape Harmony 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, August 10

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

THURSDAY, August 11

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

FRIDAY, August 12

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

SATURDAY, August 13

SUNDAY, August 14

10th Sunday After Pentecost

Worship 9 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,

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