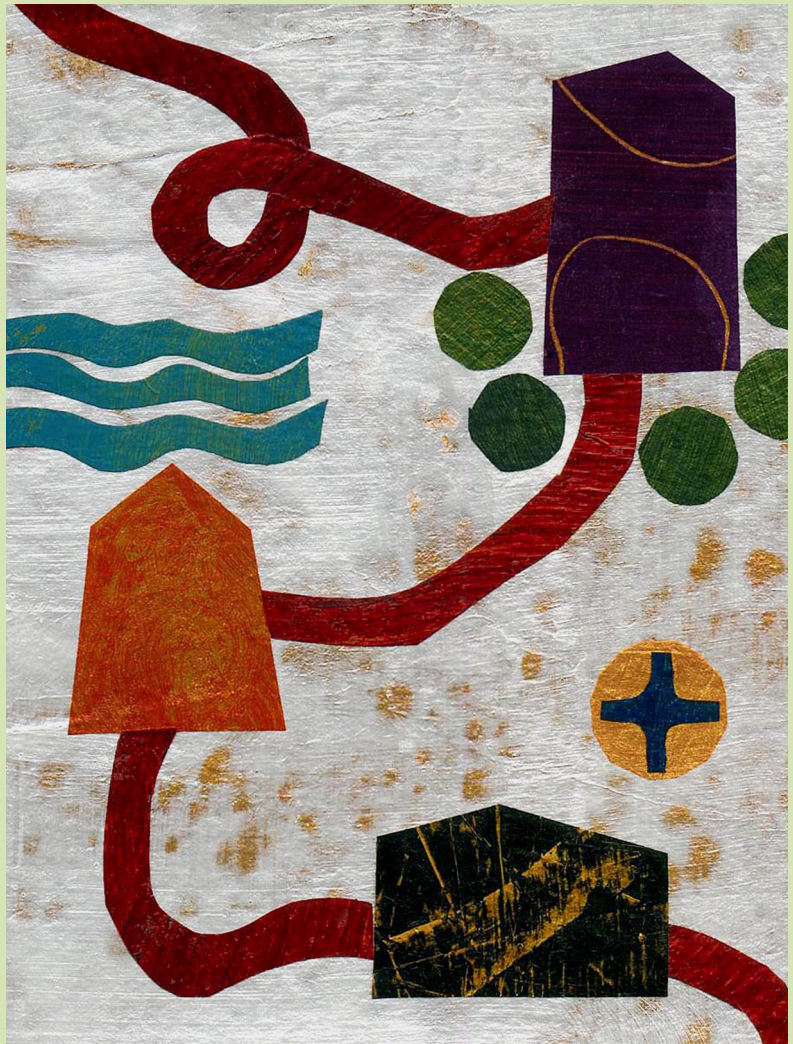


Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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, September 25, 2022 | 10 o'clock in the morning

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by the artist: Jan Richardson

Early in my ministry, I traveled to Alaska with a mission team from my church. During a free day, we did some exploring that included a stop at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. As I wandered through the rooms, I found myself in an exhibit titled A World of Maps. These maps were unlike any I had ever seen. Artists from across the United States had taken the familiar forms of cartography, stretching and pushing and translating them into a fascinating library of landscapes. There were altered maps, painted maps, collaged maps. There were maps in the form of sculpture, of books, of pottery. There was a map that unfolded like a scroll, a map in the form of a diptych, a woven map. More than describing the geography of the physical world, these maps charted worlds of imagination, fantastical realms, the terrain of the soul and spirit. The maps told stories of things seen and unseen, and they challenged ideas about borders and boundaries. They embodied the lure and the hazards of exploring worlds unknown—and the worlds we think we know.

So early in their ministries, the disciples could know little of what the territory ahead would actually look like or where it would take them. I wonder—as they looked back after Jesus' death and resurrection, what kind of map might they have drawn to describe the paths they had walked with him? Reading the landscape with the eye of a cartographer, what marks might they have made to trace their travels? What would those contours and patterns have looked like—the places where, with the authority given to them, they cured the sick, raised the dead, cleansed the lepers, and cast out demons? Or where they shared meals together, or fed those who hungered, or listened to Jesus teach and challenge and encourage and stretch them? Or where they watched him die, and witnessed him alive again? How would they map all the terrain they crossed in the spaces of their own souls?

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, September 25, 2022 | 10 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

Nancy Radosevic

One: Come, all who seek God's blessing.

Many: Come, you who think of yourselves as blessed, and you who feel lost or alone.

One: Come, you who have it easy, and you who can't get a break.

Many: We come, trusting God is with us, in the good times and in times of trouble.

All: You promise to work all things together for good, O God, and we gather trusting your promise.

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All: **When shadows encircle and our steps falter,
we look and find you there beside us,
guiding us with your compassionate hand.
Yet when we pray you would remove the trouble from
us, so often you simply make your presence more
tangible, revealing your love in ways we did not
expect, giving us what we need to get through, rather
than simply get over. When everything falls into place
and life is rosy, when we forget to look because we're
so busy basking in our own power and cleverness,
believing we have no need of help,
still you are there beside us.
Help us to pay attention, and make us aware of you,
even when we forget to look. Whatever your blessing
looks like today, help us to receive it graciously, and
use it wisely, for your purpose and your glory.
Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Please join in singing.

Hymnal #139

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

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All: You place us in community, O God, and call us to treat one another as beloved neighbors, each made in your image. We confess that much of our life in this world is consumed with jockeying for position, ensuring we are not the bottom of the pile. We admit that we have looked for those we can consider beneath us, and for opportunities to press our own advantage even at the expense of others. We admit, too, that we often look the other way when our neighbors are put in a no-win situation, and we chastise people for making bad choices when there were no good choices available. We confess we are more than ready to believe their guilt or unworthiness, without questioning our assumptions or biases. Forgive us for our uncharitable attitude, for blaming people when things go awry. Forgive us for choosing not to pay attention when vulnerable people are taken advantage of. Forgive us for believing our earthly circumstances are a reflection of your blessing. Make us mindful of those we deem different, lowly, undeserving, for they are made in your image. Help us to live in community that reflects your vision for the world. We ask in the name of the Trinity of Love, God in Community, holy and one. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

CHORAL ANTHEM

Close Every Door To Me
By Andrew Lloyd Webber

CHILDRENS MOMENT

PRAYER FOR OUR BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT

***HYMN**

Please join in singing.

Hymnal #397

I Need Thee Every Hour

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HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Genesis 39: 1-23

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5: 11-12

Nancy Radosevic

MEDITATION

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Blessings In Hard Times

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer in Song

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.*

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

Invitation to Offering

*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.

Hymnal #377

It Is Well With My Soul

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Liturgy written by Rev. Teri Peterson

TODAY'S SERVERS

Ministers: *The People of Cotuit Federated Church*
Pastor: *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou* | Director of Music: *Megan Anthony*
Deacon: *Jen Nash* | Lay Reader: *Nancy Radosevic*
Greeters: *Charlie & Laurie Dings*
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

- Sunday school
- Coffee hour following service

See back page for this week's Calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIRACLE KITCHEN & FAITH FAMILY KITCHEN:

Tuesday 9/27

The Salvation Army (100 North Street, Hyannis) is back up and running. Miracle Kitchen food will be prepared there on the 2nd Thursday and 4th Tuesday of each month. The Faith Family Kitchen is also back and is the 3rd 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.

BLOOD DRIVE (FREEDOM HALL)

Monday, September 26th

Blood Drive will take place from 9a.m.-3p.m. at Freedom Hall.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SNACK SERVICES

Tuesday, September 27th

Moving forward on the **4th Tuesday** of each month CFC will provide the snack break to Habitat for Humanity volunteer crews at the build site on Willet Way in East Falmouth. Donations of baked goods (ie: muffins, cookies, brownies, tea breads) or fruit (ie: apples, halos, bananas) can be dropped off at the church by the Monday before the Tuesday service.

If you can donate please contact Jack and Susan Gardner at gardnersj54@gmail.com or 508-420-0173 .

ADMIN TEAM MEETINGS

3rd Monday of Each Month

The admin team will continue to meet monthly on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6PM in the Kraft room.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, September 26

Church Office	9:30-2:30
Blood Drive (Freedom Hall)	9:00-3:00
AA (Bruce Hall)	6:30 —7:30

TUESDAY, September 27

Church Office	9:30-2:30
Miracle Kitchen	10 a.m.
Habitat Snack Service	10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, September 28

Church Office Open	9:30-2:30
Prayer Circle	9 a.m.
AA Women's Group	6:30—8 p.m.

THURSDAY, September 29

Church Office Open	9:30-2:30
BET Meeting	8:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, September 30

Church Office	9:30-2:30
AA	7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, October 1

SUNDAY, October 2

17th Sunday After Pentecost

Worship	10 a.m.
Sunday School	10:15 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!