

CALENDAR

MONDAY, March 13		SATURDAY, March 18	
Church Office	9:30-2:30		
Chair Yoga (New Hall)	9:30-10:45		
AA	6:30-7:30		
TUESDAY, March 14		SUNDAY, March 19	
Church Office	9:30-2:30	4th Sunday in Lent	
WEDNESDAY, March 15		Worship	10 a.m.
Church Office Open	9:30-2:30	Sunday School	10:15 a.m.
Prayer Circle	9 a.m.	Craffest Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Faith Family Kitchen	4:00 p.m.		
AA Women's Group	6:30—8 p.m.		
THURSDAY, March 16			
Church Office Open	9:30-2:30		
BET Meeting	8:30 a.m.		
Miracle Kitchen	10:00 a.m.		
FRIDAY, March 17			
Church Office	9:30-2:30		
AA	7:00 p.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!



Third Sunday in Lent

*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, March 12 | 10 o'clock in the morning

40 School Street | Post Office Box 436 | Cotuit, MA 02635

www.cotuitfederatedchurch.org | 508-428-6163

from the artist | Rev. Lauren Wright
Pittman

The positioning of Jesus and the Samaritan woman is inspired by the work of Karoline M. Lewis in her commentary on John. She introduces a fresh way of looking at this text, with a focus on their “mutuality of need.”⁵ Jesus needs water to drink, and the woman needs living water. She writes: “Jesus needs her to be a witness, and she needs Jesus to invite her into this new identity.” In this image, their body positioning is mirrored, with their eyes on the same plane. Where their arms overlap becomes a vibrant blue, creating a water drop with a dove in it, representing the living water that springs forth from their mutual need and relationship. Each of their clothing is patterned with the other’s need. In Jesus’ clothing are simplified “springs of water gushing up to eternal life” (John 4:14). In the Samaritan woman’s clothes, her water jar is positioned upright and poured out, representing her wrestling with whether she will interact with this man—and further, whether he is the awaited Messiah. The image is subtly divided in half by slight shifts in color value. There is a chasm between them socially, culturally, religiously, etc. Referencing a primary dispute between the Jews and the Samaritans, their places of worship are in the background: on the left is the temple in Jerusalem, and on the right is Mount Gerizim. In the center is the Samaritan woman’s vessel. Her need is not the water in the well; her need is for grounding in a new identity,⁷ and to be seen for who she really is. She needs to not be defined by social stigmas, but to be seen through the lens of mutual need. One of the first witnesses of the Messiah, she becomes a vessel of living water herself.

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.

TODAY’S SERVERS

Ministers: *The People of Cotuit Federated Church*
Pastor: *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou* | Director of Music: *Megan Anthony*
Deacon: *Jen Nash* | Worship Steward: *Micheal O’ Toole*
Lay Reader: *Cindy Kenna* | Greeters: *Priscilla Johnson & Kate Christian*
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****CRAFTFEST STEERING MEETING AFTER WORSHIP ON MARCH 19TH****

MIRACLE KITCHEN & FAITH FAMILY KITCHEN:

Wednesday, March 15th, Tuesday, March 28th

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SNACK SERVICES

Tuesday, March 28th

Moving forward on the **4th Tuesday** of each month. Donations of **MUFFINS and COOKIES** 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 .

*CLOSING HYMN

Please join in singing.

The Servant Song

Brother, Sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'Til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, Sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDE & WELCOME

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

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

Cindy Kenna

One: We gather together—

Many: the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers, in hopes of seeing God.

One: We gather together—

Many: the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely, in hopes of finding peace.

One: We gather together—

Many: those who are thirsty and those with water to spare, in hopes of finding justice.

One: So come to the well, come to the table.
Come, let us worship God. Amen.

**All: God of conversation,
We come to you today thirsty— thirsty for hope, thirsty for good news, thirsty for a glimpse of you. So today we pray, move in these words like a current.
Give us the courage to wade into your story with open eyes and open hearts. Give us the courage to drink this moment in. We are listening. We are grateful. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Please join in singing.

Hymnal #154

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

1 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 unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

*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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger can taste like justice.

All: We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us.

One: We believe that all God's children have a voice and something to say.

All: We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored, the shamed, and the abandoned.

One: We believe in asking questions.

All: We believe in curiosity.

One: We believe in giving people a drink.

All: May we be brave enough to give people a drink. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN (**HYMN/LYRICS ON NEXT PAGE**)**

Please join in singing.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer in Song

*Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord
And Help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus*

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:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cindy Kenna

One: In today's service we will hear the story of the Samaritan woman. It's a well-known story of a woman who, in the heat of the day, meets Jesus at a well and he asks her for a drink. Every time I read this story, I cannot help but ask myself—when was the last time I drew water for someone? When was the last time I drew water for myself? So with this same open curiosity, we come to the prayer of confession, trusting that even if we forget our bucket, God will still meet us at the well. Friends, with that grace in mind, let us pray:

All: Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

CHORAL ANTHEM

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes

BUILDING EXPANSION TEAM MOMENT

Scott Berkey

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN**

Please join in singing.

Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glorious things of Thee are spoken,

Zion, city of our God;

he whose word cannot be broken

formed you for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,

what can shake your sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,

Thou may smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,

springing from eternal love,

well supply thy sons and daughters

and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river

ever will thy thirst assuage?

Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,

never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,

see the cloud and fire appear

for a glory and a cov'ring,

showing that the Lord is near.

Thus deriving from their banner

light by night and shade by day,

safe they feed upon the manna

which he gives them on their way.

4 Savior, since of Zion's city

I thro' grace a member am,

let the world deride or pity,

I will glory in Thy name.

Fading are the world's vain pleasures,

all their boasted pomp and show;

solid joys and lasting treasures

none but Zion's children know.

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Exodus 17: 1-7

GOSPEL LESSON

Cindy Kenna

John 4: 5-42

SERMON

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Will You Give Me A Drink?