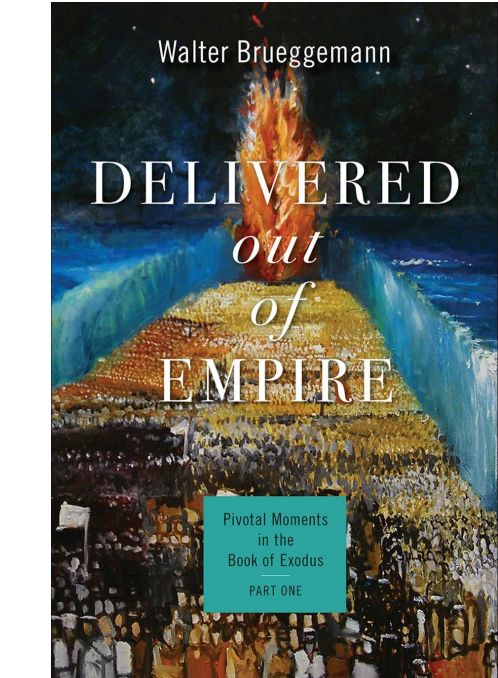


| CALENDAR | | | |
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| MONDAY, September 15 | | SATURDAY, September 20 | |
| Church Office | 8:30-12:30 | CC Ballroom Dancers (Hall) | 5:30 |
| Chair Yoga (Hall) | 9:30-10:30 | SUNDAY, September 21 | |
| Liz Walker-Book Discussion | 5:00 | Rev. Dan's Installation | |
| AA (Hall) | 6:30-7:30 | Worship | |
| TUESDAY, September 16 | | Coffee Hour | |
| Church Office | 8:30-12:30 | No One Left Alone Book Talk | |
| Bible Study (Hall) | 6:30 | | |
| WEDNESDAY, September 17 | | | |
| Church Office | 8:30-12:30 | | |
| Prayer Circle | 9:30 | | |
| Faith Family Kitchen | 4:00 | | |
| Women's AA | 6:30 | | |
| THURSDAY, September 18 | | | |
| Church Office | 8:30-12:30 | | |
| Chair Yoga (Hall) | 9:30-10:30 | | |
| FRIDAY, September 19 | | | |
| AA | 7:00 | | |

FALL SMALL GROUP BOOK STUDY

Our Fall small group book study will be on Exodus covering Walter Brueggemann’s, *Delivered Out Of Empire*. Books are available in Hamilton Hall for \$15 along with a sign up sheet for Tuesday night study.



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 14, 2025 | 10 o'clock in the morning

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God saw – and God knew
By Andre Skevington

During these many days,
the king of Egypt died –
that man who thought
himself a god, having
a god's power of life
and death –
and God saw, and God knew.
Those living between walls
of cool marble,
dressed in linen,
making offerings to the gods,
those who floated down the Nile
while others laboured –
They thought, being rich,
being mighty, they had
the ear of God.
And God saw, and God knew.
During these many days,
those oppressed cried out –
those forced to labour,
those whose race was
feared, then despised.
They cried out,
and did they dare hope
that God saw, and God knew?
God saw and listened long.
Endlessly. Through
many days, through
incessant lamenting,
God saw, and God knew.
So, I stand and ask, why?
why so long, those many days?
And will not soothe
myself with “perfect timing”,
or “plan”. Under the
slavemasters' whip,
such words sting.
And yet, God saw,
and God knew.
I lower my gaze.
Caught in the reeds,
there is a dark basket,
black as pitch,
that desperate hopeless hope,
that boychild cast by his mother
into the Nile, a loving reversal
of a cruel law –
and within that law's dark heart –
an ark of reeds and pitch
woven tight of love –
with fists curled,
was one who would
overturn that cruelty.
A tiny child.
crying, hungry,
and alone.
And God saw,
and God knew.

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIRACLE KITCHEN & FAITH FAMILY KITCHEN:

Thursday, Sept. 11th, Wednesday, Sept. 17th & Tuesday, Sept. 23rd

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.

CAN WE TALK CONVERSATION WITH REV. LIZ WALKER:

Sunday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m. in Hamilton Hall

Join us as we eagerly welcome Rev. Liz Walker as our guest preacher for our morning worship service on Sunday, September 21. During the service, we will also celebrate Rev. Dan's installation as our Associate Pastor and Community Minister. After church, we will host Rev. Walker and several special guests for a presentation about her new book, titled “No One Left Alone: A Story of How Community Helps Us Heal,” which is also one of our fall reads. Signed books will be available for purchase after the service.

In addition to being a dear friend of Dan and Nancy, Rev. Walker is the retired pastor of Roxbury Presbyterian Church, an ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal tradition, and a veteran television journalist. Notably, she was the first African-American weeknight news anchor for WBZ Boston. Currently, she serves as the Executive Director of the Social Impact Center and the “Can We Talk” network. With over 20 local and national “Can We Talk” chapters (and counting), Rev. Walker has been expanding her Roxbury-based model of transformative, trauma-informed care. This model creates sacred spaces for individuals and communities to share their stories of trauma, loss, grief, and hope. We are thrilled that Rev. Walker will lead us in breaking open God's holy word and launching our own series of Can We Talk conversations.



TODAY'S SERVERS

Ministers: *The People of Cotuit Federated Church*

Pastor: Rev. Angela Menke Ballou | Community Minister: Rev. Daniel Smith

Director of Music: Megan Anthony

Deacon: Kathi Campbell | Worship Steward: Cindy Kenna & Susan Shepherd

Lay Reader: Chris Lynch | Greeters: Linda Lynch & Cindy Kenna

Director of Christian Education: Lynne Belfiore

Admin. Assistant for Ministry: Shannon Boon

Thank you to all those who serve!

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- Worship 10:00 a.m.
- Special Food Share & Nature Walk with Waban Webquish 11:15 a.m.

UPCOMING:

CFC Fall Read and Book Discussion on September 15

Our fall read will be Rev. Liz Walker's new book, *No One Left Alone: A Story of How Community Helps us Heal*. You can pick up a signed up copy in Hamilton Hall or wait for Rev. Liz to sign a copy herself when she visits on September 21. Suggested donation is \$25. All proceeds support the Rxbury Presbyterian Church Social Impact Center and Can We Talk network. Dan Smith will host a book discussion on September 15 at 5 p.m. in the Kraft Room in anticipation of Rev Walker's visit with us! All are welcome!



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

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. You are invited to greet members with a handshake or hug, or contactless through hands over your heart, waving or giving the sign of the peace.

INTROIT

I Woke Up This Morning With My Mind Stayed On Freedom

Well I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom

Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom

Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

[Verse 2]

Well, I'm singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom

I'm singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom

I'm singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION**

Chris Lynch

One: Beloved, whether you woke up weary and woeful,
or happy and hopeful, come in!

Many: Come in and stay your minds on freedom!

One: Come in and set your hearts on love!

Many: Come in, fill your souls with God's peace!

One: Singin' and prayin'...

Many: Livin' and lovin'...

All! Come in, and give thanks and praise to God!

***OPENING HYMN**

The United Methodist Hymnal #62

Please join in singing.

All Creatures Of Our God And King

CALL TO CONFESSION

Chris Lynch

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please join us in Hamilton Hall for special local seasonal
food share after worship!

WABAN RETURNS TO CFC

Local Seasonal Cuisine, and
Cotuit Nature & History Walk
with Waban Webquish.

Join us for a special food share
and guided walk in Cotuit after
church.



Prayer in Song:

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love; send us pow'r; send us grace.*

OFFERTORY

Invitation To Offering

Offertory

***Doxology:**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above, ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN**

The Faith We Sing #2238

Please join in singing.

In The Midst Of New Dimensions

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chris Lynch

All: Loving God, Holy Deliverer, Dawn from on high, we praise you for hearing the cries of the oppressed, and for leading us through the wilderness of this time. We praise you for drawing Moses from the waters of the Nile to lead your people in love! We pray, God, draw us, too, from the waters of our baptism, and show us your ways of mercy and peace. Forgive us for our indifference to the vulnerable in our midst. Give us ears and hearts ready to hear the cries of oppressed. Give us strength to speak the truth in love to today's Pharaohs. Loving God, Holy Deliverer, Dawn in our despair, draw us ever closer to you that we might join in your work, and follow in your way, now and always. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

CHORAL ANTHEM

CFC Choir

Sing Joyful Praise

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

(CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO CHURCH SCHOOL)

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON
Romans 8: 18-27

Chris Lynch

GOSPEL LESSON
Exodus 2: 1-10

Rev. Daniel Smith

SERMON

Rev. Daniel Smith

Drawn From The Waters

*HYMN

Please join in singing.

The Faith We Sing #2170

God Made From One Blood

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Prayer in Song:

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love; send us pow'r; send us grace.*

Gathering of the Prayers

Prayer in Song:

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love; send us pow'r; send us grace.*

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.*