CHURCH ON THE CAPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT March 16, 2025



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Church on the Cape

United Methodist Church Rev. Greg Smith

HYMN SING Susie Goodwin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 Thank you Graceanne Barbour and Joan Cole for hosting Coffee Hour today.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Just As I Am"

Joe Utterback

SHARING THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 27)

Leader: The Lord is...

People: My light!

Leader: The Lord is ..

People: My salvation!

Leader: The Lord is...

People: The stronghold of my life!

Leader: This is what I ask of the Lord...

People: To behold God's beauty!

Leader: This is what I ask of the Lord...

People: To meditate in God's temple.

Leader: Everyday that I live,

People: I believe that I will see the goodness of God!

Leader: I will always seek God's presence,

People: Because God is not hidden, God is right here!

Leader: Wait for the Lord!

People: I am strong, I am courageous, and I will wait for the Lord!

*HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise" UMH #116

UNISON PRAYER

God of compassion and mercy, through this time of worship, gather your children together in your loving arms. Water and tend the garden of your people so that we may grow to be like strong trees, resilient and fruitful in your presence.

Give us a faith like Abram's so that we will trust in your promises. Even when we face challenges and uncertainties, reassure us that us and will be our strength and our guide.

Renew and strengthen our citizenship in heaven. Strengthen us to be faithful, loyal and true to your ways and your purposes that we may walk in willing obedience with you and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

STORY TIME

SECOND LESSON Philippians 3:17-4:1

SPECIAL MUSIC "Mercy Walked In"

Charles Bosarge & Philip Johnson

The Song Sisters

Liz Philips, Susie Goodwin, Helen Farnsworth

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:31-35

MESSAGE "What did Abram do?"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH hymnal #885

OFFERING "At the Cross"

Ralph E. Hudson; Carol Tornquist, arr.

*DOXOLOGY UMH # 95

*HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH # 396

WE GO FORTH

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Warum sollt ich mich denn grämen"

Why Should I Myself Be Grieving
Johann Gottfried Walther

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Lillian Bartlett
Alice Bruton
Judy Cadieux
Julie Chase
Sharon Collins
Mary Heather Cookson

Brett LaCour
Nicholas LaCour
Charity Perry Liutai
Chloe McLaughlin
Charles E. Moss Sr.
Marybeth Munroe
Rich & Debbie Parsons

Rich & Debbie F
Luverne Preble
Luverne Preble
Nancy Russo
Lettie Samuel
Bob & Sally Ewton
Bethany Hessel
Lesa Kraft Angelos
Emily King
Rich & Debbie F
Luverne Preble
Nancy Russo
Lettie Samuel
Eric Schoener
Lois Small
Ryan Sullivan
Chuck Wildes

Please keep the family of Scott Beppler in your prayers as they grieve his passing.



MARCH

1	Elizabeth Erickson		
2	Sharon Miesel		
5	Sheila Matthews		
7	John Hall		
14	Bob Ewton		
18	Tom Muse		
19	Dan Erickson		
20	Michael Schoener * Sharon Collins		
21	Nonie Freeman		
26	Judy Oppert		
27	Jane Murray * Janet Wade		
31	Helen Farnsworth		

If you would like to add someone to the birthday list, please call the office 207-967-5787.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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Sunday March 16	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Hymn Sing Worship Coffee Hour	
Monday March 17	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Chimes Church Council	
Tuesday March 18	11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 2-4 p.m.	Picnic Lunch (Bring Your Own Food) Disciple Bible Study Cargo Shop Open	
Wednesday March 19	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m.	Knitters Education Committee Senior Moments Bon Appetit	
Thursday March 20	2-4 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Cargo Shop Open Worship Committee Meeting Choir Rehearsal	
Saturday March 22	10-12	Cargo Shop Open	
LOOKING AHEAD			
Sunday March 23	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Hymn Sing Worship Coffee Hour	
Monday March 24	10:00 a.m.	Chimes Rehearsal	
Tuesday March 25	11:30 a.m. 2-4 p.m.	Picnic Lunch (Bring Your Own Food) Cargo Shop Open	
Wednesday March 26	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Knitters Senior Moments	
Thursday March 27	2-4 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Cargo Shop Open Choir Rehearsal	
Saturday March 28	10-12	Cargo Shop Open	

PARISH NEWS

BON APPETIT—COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 19th is Church on the Cape's day to volunteer at Bon Appetit. Volunteers arrive at 4:20 p.m.@ 19 Crescent St. Biddeford.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR LENT

Pastor Greg has prepared daily devotionals for Lent, Monday- Friday. Just click on the link each day. An email will go out weekly with a link to each day's devotion. Please check your inbox, our website, or our Facebook page for updates.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING RESCHEDULED

Please note the Worship Committee Meeting will meet on Thursday, March 20th, at 4:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED

Last year Bruce Donath was our Lay Member for the Annual Conference meeting. With Bruce's move, we need to find a new person who is willing to go to Annual Conference to represent our church. The dates this year are June 19-21. This is an important job that we need to fill as soon as possible. Please speak to Rev. Smith if you are willing to volunteer or if you want more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

If you would like to be a volunteer in a Sunday School program for our children, please speak to Rev. Smith. We would like to provide a program, but it will depend on having willing adult volunteers.

FROM THE CARGO SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON TUESDAYS

The Cargo Shop is need of help on Tuesdays, from 2-4 pm.

Please reach out to Susan Hathorne at

207-985-5665 or skhathorne@aol.com





Everyone is welcome at Church on the Cape, UMC, without exception. What matters most to us and what unites us as a vibrant, compassionate community of faith, is the assurance that we are all beloved children of God and of sacred worth to our Creator. Come as you are and join us on our faith journeys as we seek to make followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Join us from wherever you call home:
If you like what you see here, we post our worship, music, children's messages and sermons online - you can find them via our website: www.churchonthecape.org



CHURCH ON THE CAPE STAFF

Rev. Greg Smith Pastor

Paul N. Stephan Music Director

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Jen Murray Office Administrator

Mike Kelly Streaming Coordinator

Jean Baracco Head Usher

Adrien Baracco Assistant Usher