

The
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 2025

Lay Leaders: Jim Waterbury and Leon March

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather, may your spirit work within us. As we gather, may we glorify your name. Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship, we'll be blessed because we came, we'll be blessed because we came.

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

****#283 NCH** *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.*

****HYMN #66 PH** "For the Beauty of the Earth" verses 1, 2, & 4

****Those who are able may stand.**

PH-Red Pilgrim Hymnal NCH-Black New Century Hymnal BH-Little Blue Hymnal

COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF EASTON *(See the card in the pew.)*

Response of Praise #513 PH *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYERS

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Choral Response: #769 NCH *Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God. Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

Romans 14:1-6

****HYMN #38 PH**

"Morning Has Broken"

all 3 verses

MEDITATION

"Individual Differences"

****UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Heavenly Spirit, Holy Creator, we give thanks for the gift of Jesus the Christ to our world. We pray we never lose sight of Christ's salvation promised to all. We give thanks for Jesus' life and teachings that we try to live by. We give thanks for his forgiveness awaiting us when we stumble with our faith. We give thanks for the love of Jesus is evident and alive in us once more. May that love live on in us and in our relationships with one another. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

God asks us for an accounting of what we have done with the wealth entrusted to us. All that we have and all that we are belongs to God. May we give with thankfulness.

Gathering of the gifts with Offertory
Offertory
Presentation of the gifts with praise

Doxology: #515 PH *Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Holy One, we thank you for the ways in which you have enfolded us in your love and called us by name to follow your son, Jesus. May these gifts and our lives be used to enfold others in your love. Amen.

****HYMN** #209 PH *“Abide With Me”* verses 1, 2, & 3

****BENEDICTION**

****PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Please join us across the street for Coffee Hour.

Confirming Deacon for February - *Jon Stock*
Offering - *Debbie Szegedi and Jon Stock*
Collectors - *Nathalie Taranto and Daisy Colonnese*
Coffee Hour - *Deborah Olson*
Todays Flowers were provided by *Barbara Trup*
in honor of *Deb Trup's Birthday - Groundhog Day!!*
Church Office Hours - *Thursday from 10:00 to 1:00.*

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 1:7, NIV) Welcome to the Lord’s house for worship! If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book, and we hope all will join us across the street for fellowship after worship.

Prayer List - Please keep our members and friends in your prayers, and especially at this time: *June Logie's brother, Nick Chiaia, Rosie Cassatt and her family, Elizabeth Boyce and her family, Suzanne Lovejoy's mother and family, the Waterbury Family, the family of Barbara Lee, and Richard McLaughlin.*

Please pray for all who mourn or need special prayers of intention, for our congregation, and for friends of our community. You may fill out a Prayer Request card, or call or email the church office to add or remove a name from the list. Thank you for your prayers.

2025 Stewardship Please return your Pledge Card. Your Pledge enables us to more efficiently plan our Operating Budget for the year ahead. Please contact the Office if you did not receive a letter.

Next Food Kitchen is Tuesday, February 18. Chicken, any style, or any main dish of your choosing, mac and cheese, or pasta, vegetables, fruit, rolls, and/or dessert. Food may be dropped off on the prior Sunday or Monday mornings, between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., or no later than Tuesday, February 18, at 9:30 a.m. Please indicate that it is for the Food Kitchen. Food should *not* be warm or hot. Containers *cannot* be returned. The Sign-up Sheet is located in the Church Hall. Thank you to all the cooks, bakers, and shoppers, and thank you, to our delivery team!!

Merton House Food Pantry provisions and sample size toiletry items are collected year round in the basket in the entranceway of the Church Hall. They are very appreciative of all the items we provide to them.

Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour Donation of Altar Flowers for a Sunday worship would be a wonderful addition to our services. You may provide the flowers yourself, have a florist deliver them, or have the Office order them. Coffee Hour is an exciting part of our congregational life. If you would like to host a Sunday, the sign-up sheets for both Flowers and Coffee Hour are in the Church Hall. Thank you!

Calendar for the Congregational Church of Easton

Sunday, February 2 **Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

10:00 a.m. Worship with Lay Leaders
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Tuesday, February 4

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, February 6

10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Church Office Hours

Sunday, February 9 **Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

10:00 a.m. Worship with Rev. Blake Brown
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Organist - Suzanne Lovejoy

Council Chair, Phillip Doremus Deacon Chair, Nathalie Taranto
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