

The **CONGREGATIONAL**

CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

Rev. Blake Brown

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 136:1, 4, 23, 26)

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: His love endures forever.

Pastor: to him who alone does great wonders,

Congregation: His love endures forever.

Pastor: He remembered us in our low estate

Congregation: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

Congregation: His love endures forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Pastor)

**HYMN #16 PH "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" verses 1 - 4

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Those who are able may stand.

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

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer (A.C.T.S.)
The Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever, Amen.

**UNISON CONFESSION OF FAITH

(The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered unto Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.¹

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic² church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

¹The term "descended into hell" simply means Jesus continued in the state of death, under the power of death until the third day. (see WLC Q. 50) ²The term "catholic" here simply refers to the universal church.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Gathering of the gifts
Presentation of the gifts with praise
Prayer of Thanksgiving (Pastor)

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

****HYMN** #96 PH

"Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"

all 3 verses

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 5:30-31 2 Peter 2:1-2

SERMON Rev. 2:18-29

"Warning, Will Robinson!"

****HYMN** #202 NCH

"O God, How We Have Wandered"

all 3 verses

**BENEDICTION

Phil 4:8

**PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Congregational Church of Easton will start immediately following the conclusion of today's Worship Service.

After the meeting, please join us for coffee and fellowship across the street.

Confirming Deacon for March - Jon Stock
Offering - Caren Laskay and Jon Stock
Collectors - Daisy Colonnese and Nathalie Taranto
Coffee Hour - Jon Stock

"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.

<u>Prayer List</u> - Please keep our members and friends in your prayers, and especially at this time: June Logie's brothers, Claude and Nick Chiaia - both are dealing with medical issues, 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.

CALENDAR

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Congregational Church of Easton will be today immediately following the Worship Service.

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

Next Food Kitchen will be Tuesday, April 15. 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 the prior Sunday or Monday between 8:00 and 10:00 am, or no later than Tuesday, April 15, at 9:30. 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.

For more information, contact Gen Waterbury (203) 981-9373, g.e.waterbury@gmail.com

<u>A Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. has been scheduled for Thursday, April 3.</u> We will be hosting a guest speaker, Reverend Daniel Dzikowicz, from the National Association of Christian Churches (NACCC). Please contact the Church Office to RSVP or see the Sign-up Sheet in the Church Hall.

<u>Easter Flowers - Live plant orders are due by today, March 30th, "virtual" orders by April 13th.</u>
Please see the Order Form in the bulletin or on the website. Order forms with payment can be mailed, put in the offering plate, or brought to the Church Hall or Office.

Palm Sunday will be April 13. The Worship Service will be at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service with Communion will be on April 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Church Hours for prayer, meditation, contemplation, will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

There will be Good Friday Fish Fry, sponsored by the Staples Academy Foundation, in the Church Hall, from 5 to 8 p.m. Dinner includes your choice of Fish Filet, Fish Sticks, Clam Strips or Shrimp with French Fries and a side of Slaw or Salad for \$20 - Adults, \$10 - Seniors, Kids are free!!

Easter Sunday will be April 20. The Worship Service will be at 10:00 a.m.