

The  
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

Reverend Blake Brown

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Pastor:** I love You, O Lord, my strength!

**Congregation:** **The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

**Pastor:** I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

**Congregation:** **The Lord lives and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation!**

## OPENING PRAYER (Pastor)

**\*\*HYMN #42 NCH**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

all 4 verses

## 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

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.**

## 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 #200 NCH**

**"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"**

**all 4 verses**

## SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:6

Proverbs 30:7-9

**SERMON**

**Revelation 3:7-13**

**"The Little Church that Could"**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

**Unison Confession** (built around the Beatitudes)

**O Lord Our God, we believe that You are the God of all Mercy and so we come before you to seek your forgiveness. It is difficult to recognize our own sin and painful to confess it to You. Yet we know that You know us better than we know ourselves and You urge us to bring our whole lives before you in prayer and confession. And so we do.**

**Jesus told the crowd that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be blessed for they shall be filled. We confess that we do not long for your righteousness. We hunger and thirst after our own pleasure or convenience. We do not desire to see your character reflected in our lives but rather we desire too often simply to make our lives easier and happier. And it is these desires which crowd out the longing to find our satisfaction in You. Help us to cultivate the love of Your justice and Your mercy and Your grace. In our weakness help us to love You above all.**

**Be gracious to us and let us know the depth of your forgiveness. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Pastor:** Hear what comforting words the Lord says to all who repent and come to Him:

“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; You will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.” (Proverbs 28:13, Micah 7:18b-20)

## COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup\*

*\*Communion will be served in the pews. When served bread, please wait until all are served so we may partake of it together. When served the cup, please do the same.*

**\*\*HYMN #342 PH**

**“I Need Thee Every Hour”**

**all 4 verses**

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**\*\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

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

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**Confirming Deacon** - *June Logie*

**Offering** - *Jim Waterbury and Rich McLaughlin*

**Collector** - *Debbie Szegedi*

**Communion Servers** - *Jon Stock and Leon March*

**Coffee Hour** - *June Logie et al*

**Today's Flowers** are provided by *Debbie Szegedi*  
in memory of *Patricia Szegedi*.

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**“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: the family of Eunice Hanson, 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, 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**

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

**AA Meeting** - Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**Next Food Kitchen will be this Tuesday, June 17.** Donate chicken, any style, or any main dish of your choosing, mac and cheese, or pasta, vegetables, fruit, rolls, and/or dessert. There is a Sign-up Sheet in the Church Hall. 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, June 17, at 9:30 a.m. Please indicate that it is for the Food Kitchen. Food should not be warm or hot. Unfortunately, containers cannot be returned.  
For more information, contact Gen Waterbury (203) 981-9373, g.e.waterbury@gmail.com

**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.

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