

The  
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

Pastor Miles Ahrens

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Philippians 3:4-9 NIV)

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

## OPENING PRAYER (Pastor)

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

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

**\*\*HYMN #42 NCH**      *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing “*      All 4 verses

## **CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **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

**\*\*HYMN #423 NCH**      *“Great is Your Faithfulness*      All 3 verses

## **THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

Gathering of the gifts

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 Thanksgiving (Pastor)

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51:1-11; 15-17

Matthew 5:1-4

## SERMON

Matthew 5:4

“Blessed Are Those Who Mourn”

Silent prayer and reflection to prepare for communion

## HOLY COMMUNION \*

Words of Institution  
Sharing the Bread and Cup  
Prayer

*\*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 #19 BH**

*“How Great Thou Art”*

*All 4 verses*

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**

**Please join us for Coffee Hour this morning across the street.**

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**Today's flowers** were provided by  
Debbie Szegedi

**Confirming Deacon** - Joan Winter

**Offering** - Debbie Olson and Rich McLaughlin

**Collectors** - Debbie Szegedi

**Communion Servers** Joan Winter and Leon March

**Coffee Hour** - Joan Winter

**“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 you will join us across the street for fellowship after the Service.

**Prayer List** - Please keep our members and friends in your prayers, *and especially at this time:*  
*Prayers for Aunt Dotty and her family with the loss of her son, Paul D'Amato; healing for Ed Konstantino; speedy and total recovery for June's friend's granddaughter, Sabrina, battling respiratory problems at six weeks old; recovery for Bob Laskay and Carol Partridge; healing for Wayne and Kait; The family of Eunice Hanson; Elizabeth Boyce and her family; the Waterbury Family and Rich 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.

**Next Food Kitchen is Tuesday, August 19th.** 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, between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., or no later than Tuesday, August 19th, 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. Thank you to all the cooks, bakers and shoppers, and to our delivery team! We can't do this without you!

**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.

The Merton Center also has an urgent need for towels. Their guests depend on their shower program for dignity and hygiene. Please consider donating any new or gently used towels to help fulfill this important need!

### **Back to School Supply Drive**

We will be collecting back to school items for kids in need at Samuel Staples Elementary School in Easton. Details to come soon!

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#### **Organist, Suzanne Lovejoy**

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