

The  
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

Reverend Martha Bays

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

- One: We come to worship you, O God, seeking signs of your presence to strengthen us in our journey through life.
- All: We wonder how prepared we are to journey into the unknown of your future.**
- One: You made a covenant with Abraham to be there to protect and guide him.
- All: We come in hope knowing that you will always provide for us also.**
- One: You sent us your son who journeyed to Jerusalem to show his undying love for us.
- All: We approach you, O God, with awe over such undeserved gifts, and we pray that this time of worship will reveal the depth of our gratitude and praise.**

### **\*\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Loving God, we ask your spirit to settle among us. Be with us this morning as we hear your word through scripture, song and prayer. Amen.

**\*\*HYMN #475 NCH** *“God’s Eye Is on the Sparrow”*

all 3 verses

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

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

## **\*\*UNISON CALL TO CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you set before us your promises of hope and transformation. Forgive us when we turn away from those promises to find an easier path. Forgive us when we center our lives on our own desires rather than on your love. Strengthen our relationship with you. Strengthen our relationship with each other. Deepen the covenant that binds us all together.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*\*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 (In Unison)**

**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.*

**\*\*HYMN #42 NCH** *"O for a Thousand Tongues To Sing"* all 4 verses

### **SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 15:1-6

Luke 12:32-40

### **MEDITATION**

"Far Away and Up Close"

## 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.

### OFFERTORY

Gathering of the gifts with 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.*

### \*\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Living God, we offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude for your love for us. May these gifts and our lives share with the world your steadfast and abundant love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**\*\*HYMN** #8 PH      *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*      *all 4 verses*

### \*\*BENEDICTION

### \*\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### POSTLUDE

Thank you, Jerold Goldstein, for providing the music for our service today!

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

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**Today's flowers** were provided by June Logie

**Confirming Deacon** - Joan Winter

**Offering** - Gen and Jim Waterbury

**Collectors** - Debbie Szegedi

**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 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; The family of Eunice Hanson; Elizabeth Boyce and her family and the Waterbury Family.*

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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