

The  
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

Lay Leaders  
Elizabeth Boyce and June Logie

Today we set aside this time to reflect on who we are as a church and where God may be calling us next. Through scripture, song, and shared conversation, we open ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prayerfully consider our mission and our faith. If you are not a member of this congregation, welcome! We value your input and hope you return and join us in fellowship. Please share with us any announcements, celebrations or concerns.

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

One: This is a Sabbath dedicated to our God.

Let this gathering place be a home for all people.

**All: May God be gracious to us and bless us.**

**May God's face shine over all the earth's people.**

One: The earth has yielded its blessing.

Let all the ends of the earth revere our creator.

**All: God brings us together in unity of purpose.**

**May our circle grow as we welcome newcomers.**

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

How good and pleasant it is, O God, when a congregation lives together in unity. Draw us now into the community you intend for all your people. Help us to listen and understand your word for us. Keep us from being misled by popular acclaim and the 'wisdom' of the marketplace. May we be fully open to your gifts and obedient to your call. Come to us now with healing and blessing. Amen.

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

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

## **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Romans 12:1-5

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

**The Lord’s Prayer** (In Unison)

## **DISCUSSION ON STATEMENT OF FAITH**

### **Our Church’s Statement of Faith & Covenant**

This church recognizes the Bible as the sufficient rule of faith and practice and holds that living in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ is the true test of fellowship. Each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the Word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience, under the guidance of the Old and New Testaments and the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

### **Our Covenant**

We confess our faith in God, our heavenly Father; in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior; and in the Holy Spirit, revealing to us the will of God in Christ. We endeavor, through the study of the Scriptures, to find guidance for our lives.

## **We believe the mission of the Church is to:**

Proclaim the Gospel to all mankind,

Work for the dissemination of knowledge,

The advancement of justice,

The reign of peace,

And the realization of human brotherhood.

We look with faith toward the coming of the Kingdom of God and the attainment of life everlasting.

We covenant together, therefore, as one fellowship, agreeing to abide by the government and discipline of this Church unless and until we are regularly dismissed therefrom. This we do for the glory of God, seeking Faith, Fellowship, and Service in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## **\*\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**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 #391 PH**      “Be Thou My Vision”      all 4 verses

## **\*\*BENEDICTION**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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

**Today's flowers** were provided by Barb Trup  
**Confirming Deacon** - June Logie  
**Coffee Hour** - Church Family Potluck

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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 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 the Kennedy Family with the death of Matt; Jim Waterbury and family; 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; and Elizabeth Boyce and her 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, September 16.** 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, September 16th, 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!

**Back to School Supply Drive**

In partnership with Staples Elementary School we are collecting school supplies for kids in need throughout the school year! The last day for drop-off is Wednesday, September 10th. We have two locations for drop-off: \*The Congregational Church Hall (Tues and Thurs 2pm-4pm or Sunday during church hours) and \*Easton Town Hall (during regular business hours-collection box near front desk). Thank you so much for your donations!

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