

The
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

Prayer Service led by Don Boyce and Guest Speaker, Madi Wenger

“Go Therefore and Make Disciples”

Today we welcome Madi Wenger of Crown Zimbabwe Mission who will be returning this Fall to her missionary work in Zimbabwe.

PRELUDE

(Matthew 28:19)

****CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired Psalm 146)

One: Praise God! Praise the Holy One, O my soul!

All: We will sing praises to God our whole lives long!

One: Praise God in whom we may trust. Praise God in whom we may hope.

All: Happy are we whose hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.

One: The Holy One lifts the bowed down. The Righteous One loves justice.

All: The Holy One brings the way of the wicked to ruin. Praise God who reigns forever!

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

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

****UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God our Comforter and our Confronter, speak to our souls. Engage our spirits with truth and compassion. Stir our hearts with your vision of a world full of your love and hope. Inspire us through your word, meet us in the moment, and infuse us with joy and courage to pursue your way. Guide us on the journey even as you dwell in our worship so that we may honor you and be restored in you. Amen.

****HYMN** #522 NCH *“I Love to Tell the Story”* all 4 verses

****UNISON CALL TO CONFESSION**

Compassionate God, we need to repent. We confess that too often we only care about our own suffering and discomfort and ignore the pain and troubles of our neighbor. We turn away or even contribute to the plight of others. We feast on systems that create deprivation and inequity. We enjoy the spoils of war that leave human siblings to subsistence in rubble and ruins. We accept distortions of the gospel that claim that your creation is insufficient to meet the needs of your beloved when your kingdom enables all to flourish. Meet us as we turn back to your way and your reign. Liberate us so that we may be instruments of restoration, repair, and renewal in your name. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS:

The Lord's Prayer

GUEST SPEAKER : Madi Wenger of Crown Zimbabwe Mission

****HYMN #394 NCH** *"In Christ There is No East or West"* all 4 verses

****CLOSING AND BENEDICTION**

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the hall.

Confirming Deacon - Leon March
Collector - Debbie Szegedi
Coffee Hour - Elizabeth and Don Boyce

“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 Daisy and her family with the loss of her Granddaughter; Sara Scoran and her family with the loss of her son, Ward; for Marc and Arlene to give strength in the face of health challenges; Elizabeth Boyce and her family; healing for Jim Waterbury and strength for his family; Aunt Dotty and her family with the loss of her son, Paul D’Amato and healing for Ed Konstantino;*

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, October 21. 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, October 21, 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 non-perishable items 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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