

The
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

November 2, 2025

Pastor Miles Ahrens

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 NASB) pastor

LORD, You have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I get up;
You understand my thought from far away.

³ You scrutinize my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before there is a word on my tongue,
Behold, LORD, You know it all.

⁵ You have encircled me behind and in front,
And placed Your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is too high, I cannot comprehend it.

⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

⁹ If I take up the wings of the dawn,

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

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

If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,

¹⁰ Even there Your hand will lead me,
And Your right hand will take hold of me.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"

¹² Even darkness is not dark to You,
And the night is as bright as the day.
Darkness and light are alike to You.

(In Unison)

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
Put me to the test and know my anxious thoughts;

²⁴ And see if there is any hurtful way in me,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

OPENING PRAYER (Pastor)

****HYMN #42 BH** "Search Me, O God" 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 #101 PH** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" All 2 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

Ephesians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:1-7

SERMON

Matthew 5:7

“Blessed Are Those Who Are Merciful”

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** #403 NCH

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

All 4 verses

****BENEDICTION**

****PASSING OF THE PEACE**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee and fellowship across the street.

Today's flowers were provided by June Logie

Confirming Deacon - June Logie

Offering - Elizabeth and Don Boyce

Collector - Debbie Szegedi

Communion Servers Leon March and Jonathan Stock

Coffee Hour - Rich McLaughlin

A special thank you to our wonderful guest pianist, Jerold Goldstein!

“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 Debbie Olson and her family with the loss of her mother, Annabelle Lee; the family and friends of Nathalie Taranto with her sudden passing; Daisy and her family with the loss of her Grand-daughter; 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, November 18. Share your favorite dishes or treats! Drop off no later than Tuesday, November 18th at 9:30am.

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.

Reminder:

Members of the church council will be meeting after coffee hour on Sunday, November 16

Holiday Cookie Sale - Volunteers needed! Sign-up sheets are in the Church Hall, or reach out to cookiesale2015@gmail.com.

Calendar for The Congregational Church of Easton

Sunday, November 2, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

7:00pm Yoga at the Old Academy Hall

Saturday, November 8, 2025

10:00 a.m. Yoga at the Old Academy Hall

Sunday, November 9, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Organist, Suzanne Lovejoy

Council Chair, Phillip Doremus

Deacon Chair, Elizabeth Boyce

Sexton, Sara Scoran

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