

The
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

Pastor Benji Surprice

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear, Oh Easton Congregation, the Lord your God is one God.

All: We Acknowledge Him as one God in three parts, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

One: Your God is All Powerful, All Knowing, All Seeing and He knows you.

All: We Believe. We worship Him today and open ourselves to knowing Him better, loving Him better, serving Him better, with all that we have and all that we are. Amen.

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ruler of all worlds, whose glory surrounds us, come to awaken us to the mystery of your will. Speak to us a word of truth that leads us away from falsehood. Touch us with healing grace that allows us to admit our woundedness and accept the comfort you offer. Let your Spirit move among us so we may recognize your presence in one another and in our own lives. May our response to you be faithful and our praise genuine. Amen.

****HYMN #423 NCH**

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

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, help us be honest with ourselves, with one another, and with You. We have searched for life amid temporary attractions. We have burdened others with our mistakes. We have sought honors and made comparisons to look better than those around us. We have devoted little time to thanking and praising you, the Source of all things. Open us now, O God, to the Word we need from you.

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 #3 BH**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"

All 3 verses

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Let us offer to God our gifts with kind hearts and spirits, and with thanks for all God has given to us and to the world.

OFFERTORY

Gathering of the gifts with Offertory

****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.***

Presentation of the gifts with praise

****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.

.SCRIPTURE

Judges 2:6-12 (NRSV)

SERMON

“What Happened to the Elders?”

****HYMN #31 NCH**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

All 3 verses

****BENEDICTION**

****PASSING OF THE PEACE**

POSTLUDE

After the service, please join us for coffee and fellowship across the street.

Today’s flowers were provided by the Church Family
Confirming Deacon - June Logie and Elizabeth Boyce
Offering - Elizabeth Boyce and Gen Waterbury
Collector - Debbie Szegedi
Coffee Hour - The Boyce Family

“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 Rosemary Cassatt in honor of her late husband, Allen J. Cassatt, who passed away on 12/5/2024 and was a 3x Combat Vet SFC/Ret. 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 Granddaughter; 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.

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 this 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 this Sunday, November 16.

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

Cookie order forms due on December 3rd and pick-up will be December 6th.

Calendar for The Congregational Church of Easton

Sunday, November 16, 2025

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

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
9:30 a.m.	Merton Center Drop Off

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

7:00pm	Yoga at the Old Academy Hall
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Saturday, November 22, 2025

10:00 a.m.	Yoga at the Old Academy Hall
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Sunday, November 23, 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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