



REHOBOTH

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

the church in the village

Rehoboth Congregational Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rehoboth, MA

1721
January 22, 2023

2023
Ten O'Clock

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Order of Worship

The congregation is invited to join in on the **bold** print.

*The congregation is invited to rise.

GATHERING MUSIC

If you are joining us virtually, the live feed will begin on Facebook at 9:50AM.

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to make, please use the microphone at the lectern.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come seeking God,

the one who guides us and protects us.

People of God, there is nothing to fear,

for God dwells in our hearts.

Let us shout with joy, for God is here!

Let us sing praises to the Holy One!

***HYMN**

Jesus Calls Us Out The Tumult | RED #322

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light,

we live in the darkness of despair:

worried about our lives,

concerned for our health,

fearful that we are lost from you.

The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us:

our unwillingness to forgive,

our fears of one another,

our reluctance to share what we have,

our divisions and quarrels.

We long to turn from the dark

and live in the light.

We yearn to leave what is evil

and follow the paths of righteousness.

Shine the light of your love upon us

and transform us with your love,

that your promised realm may draw near. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our God of light and love hears us when we cry aloud. We have nothing to fear. Know that this God of light wraps us in comforting arms, lifts us from the darkness of our guilt and sin, and forgives us once and for all. Know that we will dwell in safety in God's house, now and forevermore. **Thanks be to God! AMEN**

***GLORIA PATRI | RED #513**

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. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bill Cute

***HYMN**

Softly and Tenderly | BLUE #348

During the hymn, our youth and children (age 3 - grade 12) are invited to go downstairs for Church School. Parents, please escort them and ensure there are enough helpers in the classroom before returning to worship. Thank you!

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 27: 1,4-9

Triumphant Song of Confidence of David

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

⁹Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

The Summons | BLUE #344

SHARING CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER SONG

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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INVITATION & OFFERING

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS WITH THE DOXOLOGY | RED #515

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus | BLUE #344

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Call to Worship: www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/11279/january-22-2023-third-sunday-after-the-epiphany

Prayer of Confession: www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4614/worship-elements-january-22-2023-option-2

Words of Assurance: www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4613/worship-elements-january-22-2023-option-1

SERMON NOTES

WELCOME TO THE REHOBOTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship today! There are restrooms located in the Narthex and the back of Fellowship Hall (which you can access through the hallway behind the sanctuary). Masks are optional.

FELLOWSHIP

Let us break bread together! Please join us for coffee and goodies in Fellowship Hall after worship. Exit the sanctuary through the door in the front of the sanctuary. Fellowship Hall is at the end of the hallway.

BUSY BOXES & COLORING PAGES

Busy boxes and coloring pages for kids are available in the narthex! Grab them anytime.

NURSERY

We love the sound of babies chatting during worship! If you prefer to keep your infants and toddlers in the sanctuary with you during worship, that's completely fine! If you would like to visit the RCC Nursery, it is open and staffed by our Nursery Care Provider, Jenn Danforth, throughout the entire service. **The nursery is located on the left hand side downstairs in the Church School hallway.**

CHURCH SCHOOL

Children (age 3 - 8th grade) are invited to begin in worship with their families. They will be dismissed to Church School after the children's sermon. Please escort them downstairs to ensure there are enough helpers in the classrooms before returning to worship!

YOUTH GROUP & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our High School students (9th-12th grade) are invited to go downstairs to meet with Jamie, our Youth Group Director, in the Youth Group room at the end of Church School Hall.

GREETERS


We are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings! Greeters arrive at church at 9:30AM to hand out bulletins and greet people at the front door. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex!

BELL RINGERS & ACOLYTES

Is your child interested in ringing the bell before worship or lighting the candles on the altar during worship? Please let one of the Deacons know!

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