



REHOBOTH

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

the church in the village

Rehoboth Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rehoboth, MA

1721

2022

November 20, 2022

Ten O'Clock

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

Reign of Christ Sunday
New Member Sunday
Order of Worship

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

*The congregation is invited to rise.

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Good morning! May God's blessings be with you this day!

Thank you, and may God's blessings be with you also!

May the light of Christ's love shine on you today

May the peace of Christ be in your heart.

Open your hearts to celebrate the reign of our Savior Jesus Christ.

With joy we open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.

*HYMN

Come Ye Thankful People Come | BLUE #721

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many times you have rescued us, O God. Yet we continue to wander away from your vision for us. We claim to be followers of Jesus, but we do not speak up when he is mocked. We do not respond when he summons us from the perilous byways we have chosen. Our words and deeds deny the faith we proclaim. God of all nations, deliver us from misplaced loyalties and unacknowledged sin. Forgive our foolish ways. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved, remember and believe that you are a child of God. Learn from your mistakes, and cherish God's forgiving and redeeming grace. Go forward with hope, knowing that God is faithful. This is the Good News that brings us new life!

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

Rev. Bert Coté

*HYMN

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name | BLUE #106

During the hymn, children and youth group (Pre K to 12th grade) are invited to go downstairs to Church School. Parents, please escort them and ensure they are settled before returning to worship.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says

the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Bert Coté

ANTHEM

RCC Choir

Celtic Thanksgiving

SHARING PRAYERS & PRAISES

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.*

PASTORAL 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (See Insert)

SHARING OUR GIFTS

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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**

Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart | BLUE #113

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Call to Worship: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4411/worship-connection-november-20-2022>

Prayer of Confession: Gathered by Love Year C by Levon Baylor

Reception of New Members: Book of Worship, United Church of Christ, 2012

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 has moved! It is now in the Church School wing downstairs - the first room on the left hand side.**

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 Jamie, our new youth group director - she is very excited to meet all of you!

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. 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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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, November 20, 2022
10:00AM

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*If you are able, please rise.

HYMN, Sweet, Sweet Spirit | BLUE #134

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Bert Coté
Jodi Durette, Chair, Board of Deacons

Rev. Bert: Friends in Christ, we all are received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

Board of Deacons Chair: Indeed, they are ready! And we, as a church family, are ready to embrace them! With joy in our hearts, the Rehoboth Congregational Church Board of Deacons recommends the following candidates for membership.

HYMN, Sweet, Sweet Spirit | BLUE #134 (Refrain Only)

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall
leave this place.*

SENTENCES

Rev. Bert Coté

Rev. Bert: Hear the words of Jesus: I am the vine, you are the branches. Anyone who abides in me, and I in that person, is the one who bears much fruit. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES.

Rev. Bert Coté

Rev. Bert: Do you desire to affirm your baptism and to enter into covenant with this church, the Rehoboth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ?

I do.

Rev. Bert: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

I promise, with the help of God.

Rev. Bert: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

I promise, with the help of God.

Rev. Bert: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

I promise, with the help of God.

***WELCOME**

Rev. Bert: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

Let us, members of the Rehoboth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

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***GREETING**

Jodi Durette, Chair, Board of Deacons

Board of Deacons Chair: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of this church, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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New Members

**James (Gunner) & Elizabeth-Ann Brink
Rehoboth, MA**

**Evelyn Beaumier
Rehoboth, MA**

**Jason & Olivia LeGrow
Carter
Warwick, RI**

**Dyana Koelsch & Mark Dana
Rehoboth, MA**