

Rehoboth Congregational Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rehoboth, MA

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2022
Ten O'Clock

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

Ordinary Time
It's All In The Family (A Look at Genesis)
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

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have gathered from our different places to worship here.

How good it is to worship together in unity!

We come from our different occupations, our diverse activities.

How good it is to worship together in unity!

We come as unique individuals, bound together in the love of Christ.

How good it is to worship together in unity!

Let us worship God together!

Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

Lift High The Cross | Blue #287

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Love,

we have come here today for a family reunion!

We know that we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

Each of us is your precious child.

And yet there is division in this family.

There is sibling rivalry, old resentments, new irritations.

We are quick to anger, slow to forgive.

We would rather choose our relatives,

**than acknowledge the all-inclusive nature
of your family.**

Open our hearts to your love,

and show us the way of reconciliation.

Teach us to see each brother and sister with your eyes.

Help us claim our heritage as your own children,

and live together in unity as your family.

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.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Jodi Durette

ANTHEM

He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands

Sanctuary Choir

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.

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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 & Prayer of Confession: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/5274/worship-elements-august-16-2020>

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.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

After-worship fellowship has moved outside for the summer! Please join us on the front lawn of the church after worship for lemonade and treats.

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 downstairs. Use the stairs in the narthex (front lobby) to go downstairs - it is the third door on the right hand side. **The nursery is not staffed during the summer months**

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School is taking a week off! We welcome all families to worship together during service today. Next week is the start of Church School downstairs. Please register your children today.

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!




SERMON NOTES

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