September 13, 2026
The Little Church by the Sea
Disability Inclusion Day
Sign Language Interpretation by Kathy McIndoe

Prayer of Preparation Irish Republic & Northern Ireland

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love which casts out fear and binds us together, in that unity which you share with the Creator and the Holy Spirit.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Life in the Church

Minute for Mission World Communion Deb Norton

***Call to Worship** (responsively) Liturgist

We gather here where God teaches us to be compassionate and loving.
We come to learn the wisdom of choosing grace over a grudge.
When Peter asked how often he should forgive, Jesus answered with a love that has no end—not seven times, but seventy times seven.
We have received a mercy greater than we can ever repay.
Let us open our hearts to worship the God who cancels our debt.
Help us to be truly forgiving, a welcoming and an inclusive place for all of God's children.

***Hymn** *God, How Can We Forgive* GTG 445

***Confessing Our Separation from God** (unison) Liturgist

Just like Peter, Lord, we want to get all "legalistic" about forgiveness. We want to know if one time to forgive someone is sufficient. We might even be willing to extend forgiveness twice, but we tend to follow the adage, "Once burned, twice shy." Teach us to be humble and merciful. Remind us of the many ways in which you have offered, time and time again, your forgiving love to us. Heal our wounds and bind up our brokenness. For we ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:21-35 Liturgist
Source: The New Revised Standard Version

Anthem *This Is Me* Benj Pasek and Justin Paul
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Reflection Forgiveness: The Only Way Forward

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

Joys and Hopes of the People of God & The Lord's Prayer

Offertory: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* GTG 835

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God** GTG 606
Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist
God of Grace, you continually forgive and renew us. Teach us to extend that same mercy to others. Transform these offerings into ministries of compassion that reflect your love for the world. We give with grateful hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn** *Amazing Grace* GTG 649

***Benediction**

Postlude *Blackbird* Lennon/McCartney
Next Week's Liturgist: Marlene Quinn

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Eddie Jusino
Parish Associate: Rev. Marjorie Egger
Ushers: Jim Miller & Greg Estes
Liturgist: Deb Norton
Music: David Libby
Vocalists: Tina Marie Casamento
The Westminster Choir
A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WPC T-SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE TO ORDER- An order form is available outside the church office, or call the office at 302-227-2109. Cost: $15.

WORLD COMMUNION: SEPT. 6 – OCT. 4- Help support the World Communion Offering, which cultivates reconciliation by supporting racial and gender justice, peacemaking efforts, global witness and nurturing ecumenical and interfaith relations. Donation envelopes are available in the pews or donate online at pcusa.org

HOME COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE- served at your home the first Sunday of each month by our Home Communion Ministry team. Please contact Carol Pillsbury at 609-902-9024 or carolpillsbury1@gmail.com if you wish to have Home Communion.

PARKING METERS IN EFFECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15- The City of Rehoboth does not ticket cars parked on the streets adjacent to the church for those attending worship until 12pm. It is suggested you leave a copy of a worship bulletin on your dash so parking enforcement knows you are at worship.

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE- Join us after worship for this important ministry. You are welcome to host on an open Sunday or contribute items to any Sunday hosted by the Fellowship Committee.
September 20- Open for Hosting
September 27- Pot Luck
October 4- Soup Sunday
October 11- Open for Hosting

FALL BIBLE STUDY LED BY ALAN KEOHANE: THE PROPHETS & WISDOM LITERATURE- Explore the exile as viewed through the eyes of Ezekiel and Daniel and the nation's return as described in Ezra, Nehemiah and the post-exilic prophets. A chastened people were trying to rebuild and avoid the mistakes of their past. We'll also begin a deep dive into the Old Testament wisdom literature. **Wednesdays September 16 - November 11, from 10:00am - 11:30am via Zoom.** See the Back of the Bulletin Email for the Zoom link.

ICE CREAM ON US, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1-3PM- Join us as we partner with St. Edmond for family fun, live music, and FREE Hopkins ice cream.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2:30-4PM- Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends as we partner with St. Edmond and Humane Animal Partners for this sacred blessing.

BOARDWALK BUDDY WALK, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 9AM- Join us at the Rehoboth Beach Boardwalk Bandstand by 9am to walk for a cause! Live music, Uncle David's Ice Cream, vendors and more.

AFTERNOON JAZZ CONCERT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1:30PM- Join us for an Afternoon Jazz Concert featuring Andrea Wolper & Ken Filiano, the David Libby Trio, and Ben Koly, 2022 Cape Grad.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our insurance company has clarified that first name and last initial is appropriate for use in public prayer requests in order to safeguard people's privacy.

Mourning/Grieving:
Judy M. - grieving the unexpected loss of her brother, Jim.

Medical Concerns:
Bonnie E. - will be having left knee replacement surgery on September 16.
Landon- (nephew of Jackie S.) was severely injured in a bicycle accident.
Phil F. - having ear surgery in October.
Joyce M. - will be having hip replacement surgery in September.
Dennis D. - (husband of Sharonlee D.) is undergoing radiation treatment.

Lifelong Trial:
Sarah O. - (Nancy's mother) is at home under hospice care.
John- (cousin of Carol P.) struggling with the effects of Parkinson's.
Amanda- (friend of Eddie and Pam J.) was diagnosed with breast cancer.
John H.- suffering from Parkinson's medication side effects.
Rich- (son of Betty P.) ongoing battle with stage 4 melanoma.
Danny- (son of Lois G.) under the care of his brother and is holding his own.
Danny- (son of Paul and Rita R.) completed chemo and radiation treatments.
Jackie S. - continuing chemo transfusions. Cancer is in remission.
Mary- (close friend of Don S.) has stopped treatment for gall bladder cancer.
Lea C.- has stage 4 liver cancer and is in hospice care.

Legacy Members/Aging with Grace:
Mable G, John H, Esther L, Barbara M, John & Pat M, Sarah O, Mimi P, Sherry S, Ernesto & Joan V.

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Vision- Aspire To Be:

A welcoming and loving congregation where everyone who gathers matters and belongs.

Mission:

•Spirit-Led: Listening, Loving, and Serving •Welcoming: Embracing All
•Faithful: Guided •Missional: Active •Joy-filled: Celebrating God