



The Church on the Cape Newsletter



Pastor's Letter

Dear family and friends of Church on the Cape,

Finally, the day of full reopening is coming, and first and foremost my heart is filled with deep gratitude to God who held us together while we were apart, being ever present in our individual lives and in the life of our congregation. Although we couldn't imagine how we can maintain our faith and relationships without being together for weekly worship and fellowship at church, we have been blessed by God and by those who made the effort to create the ways to help us remain connected. And I truly believe that it was the faith we have in God and in one another that kept us moving forward through this wilderness. Because of it, I am also deeply grateful for each of you.

I also believe God's presence and grace in lives of the people who suffered from COVID-19, more than 3 million families that lost their loved ones, and those who were impacted by it in a way they cannot restore their health in many ways—physical, emotional, relational, financial etc. and in the ways, we cannot imagine or comprehend. They are part of us and we all shared the pain and grief with them. We are called to support and assist their effort to rebuild their lives. We do not abandon those who are wounded in the battle we were part of and that's the only way we can fully go back to normal.

God's presence was also vividly known to us by those who exhibited God's love through their sacrificial services for others. We have witnessed perseverance and resilience to save lives, passion and desire to care for others, dedication and commitment to the wellbeing of the communities. Their sweat, tears, fatigue out of compassion continued to remind us of Jesus' love on the cross. They often challenged us and made us contemplate how we reveal God's presence in our lives.

We do not know what lies ahead in a post pandemic season. It's hard to imagine what it would look like and how it would feel like when we see the sanctuary filled with our church family. And how long it would take to get to where we will feel "normal." But we do know who is with us. We know God who has been present in the wilderness of separation, isolation, and restrictions, will continue to be present in our midst as we make effort to rebuild, restore and strengthen our lives, church and community. As Paul reassures, "if God is with us who is against us?" (Romans 8:31b)

May you be richly blessed by the Spirit of the Living God in the presence of the fully gathered Church on the Cape community!

In peace,
Ho-Soon

JUNE LECTIONARY READINGS



June 6:

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)

Psalms 138

2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Mark 3:20-35

June 13:

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Psalms 20 or Psalm 72

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 20:

*4th Sunday after Pentecost
and Father's Day*

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23)
32-49

Psalms 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

June 27:

5th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

Special Dates

- Flag Day, *June 14, 2021*
- Father's Day, *June 20, 2021*
- First day of summer, *June 20, 2021*

Special Events

Good News from the Reopening Team

The CDC guidelines have recently changed, and so have the guidelines for attending church. **On May 30th the church will be fully open!**

You will not need to call to register to attend church. There will not be seat assignments. You will no longer have to socially distance in the church. **Masks are still required.** Singing under the mask will be allowed, and encouraged! All doors will be open to enter the church.

We look forward to seeing all of you that are comfortable attending. Live streaming will still be available for all who wish to watch the service from home. Thanks for your patience, love, and support during this challenging time.

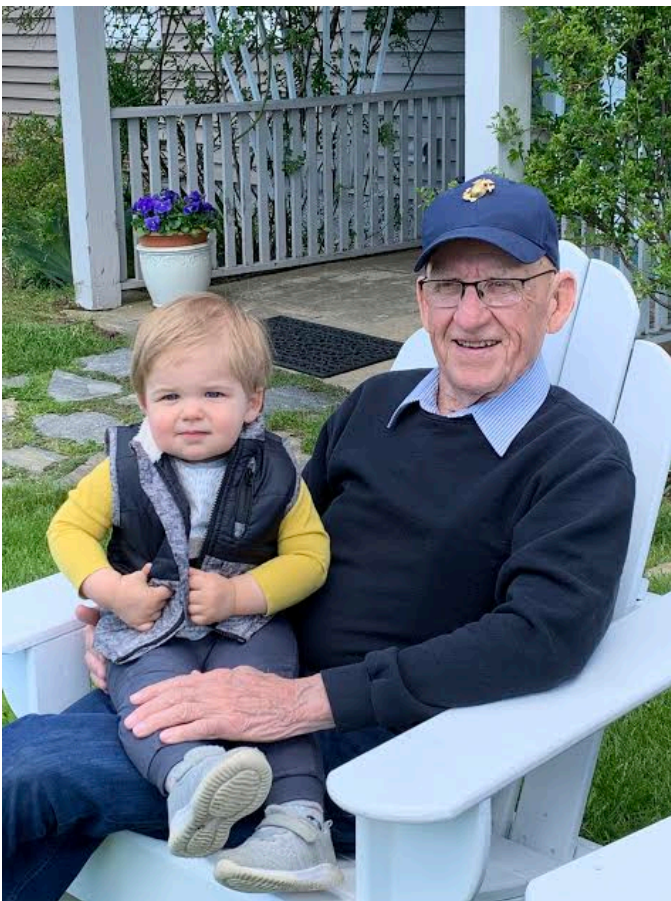
From the Reopening Team:

Susan Baracco, Julie Chase, Wendy Emmons, Ho-Soon Han, Diane Hutchins, Mike Kelly, Fran Liataud, Bob Metcalf, Jean Moulton, and Carol Nason

FUNRAISER UPDATE

Do you have a special talent to share with others? We are looking for people who are willing to share those talents with interested parties for the cost of a donation made to Church on the Cape. Perhaps you could teach someone to knit, or sew, or paint. This is just one of the ideas that we hope will inspire more people to become involved. We have several new items donated for auction and some that will be individually priced. You may also make a donation to the church via our website to support this event. Be sure to note that the donation is for the Funraiser. If you have questions or ideas, please contact Sandy Day.

It happened on Mother's Day, but is also great for Father's Day



I had the best Mother's Day. Here is my 91-year-old father holding 18-month-old Benjamin. First time together in forever !!
Shirley Bradbury

PLEASE "JOIN" US FOR CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION SUNDAY ON JUNE 13TH

June 13th is Children's Celebration Sunday. We invite you to attend this special service or watch it from home. You will have a chance to see some of the children in our church family participate in this service. Notice the long list of adults below that have supported the children's programs over the past year. We will have a special recognition of the children, the graduates, and the adults. One of our own church family members is graduating high school this year! Thanks to each one of you for surrounding these children and their families with your love and prayers during this long Covid year.

Article by Carol Nason

ADULTS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

*Tom Bradbury
Roy Bruton
Sandy Day
Elizabeth Greene
Wendy and Ted Hagarty
Diane Hutchins
Mike Kelly
Kit Marcoccio
Jean Moulton
Heidi Phillips
Beryl Samia
Bill Scarborough
Kelly Spencer
and all those I have overlooked*

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Ho – Soon Han
Carol Nason
Heidi Phillips
Beryl Samia*

TODDLERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Adriana Geraldi
Kinley Kading
Charlotte Marcoccio
Isla Phillips
Jacksen Phillips
Henry Spencer
Olivia Spencer*

Virtual Choir Singing "How Great Thou Art"

A pandemic provided a unique opportunity to create a virtual choir. 15 people participated in the project singing the all-time favorite hymn "How Great Thou Art." Thank you all for taking the time and making the contribution!



Bon Appetit

The volunteers from Church on the Cape continue to serve at Bon Appetit. Bon Appetit will resume serving meals in person and look for volunteers. If you're interested in working for this ministry, contact Kathy Johnson.

Kathy Johnson and David Sandtorv are preparing for the take-out meal packages.



May Day Baskets

Seven eager children gathered around their computer screens on Saturday, May 1st to learn how to make May Day baskets. Many thanks to Jean Moulton for leading the children through this wonderful experience, while giving them a little history on the tradition of May Day baskets. May Day baskets date back to the early Roman times with a flower festival and theater performances.

We often associate this day with a May Pole, dancing, and crowning a May Day Queen. The custom of filling a little cone shaped basket with candies or flowers has become a popular tradition. Sometimes it is seen as a courting ritual. The idea is to hang a basket on the door of a designated person, ring the bell and run away. If the recipient opens the door and catches the person hanging the basket, the person delivering the basket is expected to kiss the person at the door. The children enjoyed the story, but didn't quite understand why it had to involve kissing.

Each child received materials to make four little May Day baskets and had lots of fun preparing and delivering them. Jean has a true gift in working with young children, and we are very fortunate to have her give so much of her time and talents to the children's programs.



Article by Carol Nason



SEE LIGHT, BE LIGHT



In January 2021, National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman presented her poem “The Hill We Climb” at the presidential inauguration. The final lines read: “For there is always light, / if only we’re brave enough to see it. / If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

How often we long for light! In recent years we’ve agonized amid pandemic, angry politics and new awareness of racism. Some have suffered deep sorrow. But Jesus says, “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12) and invites us to turn to him. God is always bringing light into darkness, through helpers, healers, peacemakers, friends. Sometimes bravery is required to turn our focus from the negative to the positive — to see the light of God.

Jesus also says, “*You* are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14, emphasis added) and calls us to brighten the gloom. That requires bravery, as Gorman notes, but as Christians we’re urged to look for light not just to make our own lives better but to shine into others’ lives too. The Holy Spirit gives us the needed courage — to both see and *be* light.

"Reflecting His Love"

My prayer to God is that you see
his presence when you look at me.
His steadfast love has set me free,
and his reflection I can be
when God is shining bright in me.
—MaryAnn Sundby

A WEEK OF TRIBUTES TO DAD

To celebrate the special man in your life, use a quote a day the week before Father’s Day, or honor him with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat, tape one to the bathroom mirror — get creative!

Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate his love and show him yours.

“The heart of a father is the masterpiece of nature.” —Antoine F. Prévost

“To the world you are a dad. To our family you are the world.” —Unknown

“The best fathers have the softest, sweetest hearts. In other words, great dads are real marshmallows.” —Richelle E. Goodrich

“Dad: a son’s first hero, a daughter’s first love.” —Unknown

“A good father is one whose only reason for putting down a laughing baby is to pick up a crying one.” —Linda Poindexter

“My father didn’t do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do — be there.” —Max Lucado

“I love my father as the stars. He’s a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart.” —Terri Guillemets

NO BOUNDARIES

Love is a commitment to seek the good and to work for the good and welfare of others. It doesn’t stop at our front door or our neighborhood, our religion or race, or our state’s or [our] country’s border. This is one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth, as the hymn goes. It often calls us to step outside of what we thought our boundaries were, or what others expect of us. It calls for us to sacrifice, not because doing so feels good, but because it’s the right thing to do.

—Bishop Michael Curry, *Love Is the Way*

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HISTORY HAPPENINGS
from the
History and Records Committee
Celebration of Pentecost and Heritage Sunday

Theme: The Ministry of Memory Through Music
May 23, 2021

Your History and Records Committee is very humbled by the many words of appreciation we have received since this morning's service of worship. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our loving God and everyone who assisted us in bringing it to fruition.

Our research began in the year 1950 and continued until 2021. The readings for today brought various eras to the memories of those who shared in the life of the church at that specific time. Various musical groups, concerts, and other programs and guests were described and our own virtual choir sang together for the first time! We also enjoyed welcoming a special guest: Mr. Mark Thallander, a nationally known and admired organist, who has been a friend of our congregation and organists for many years.

This Heritage Sunday concluded with a stanza of praise from "To God Be the Glory" offered by our organist, Jan Stover; the Benediction by the Reverend Ho-Soon Han; and the Postlude by Jan, "The God of Abraham Praise," (Gordon Young).

Two other forms of communication were developed for this service: brochures containing the readings and a display table with pictures and a nineteenth century hymnal from the church's collection. Please plan to enjoy these when you are able!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Ann Nelson, Church Historian
for the Committee



L-R Beryl Samia, Stedman Seavey, Lillian Bartlett, Kyle Emmons, Marge Smith, Ann Nelson. Absent: David Sandtorv

Church on the Cape

A United Methodist Church

We of The Church on the Cape represent various religious and cultural backgrounds and life styles. We are young, old, and middle aged, single, married, widowed, divorced, parents, grandparents, and members of extended families. Above all, we are people who take risk, make mistakes, confess, repent and try again.

At the center of our community is Jesus the Christ whose life, death, and resurrection are the reasons we are together. The life and hope in this community have more to do with Christ's faithfulness to us than ours to Christ.

Whether you are searching for a faith community, or just passing through; we want you to feel at home. Whoever you are, whatever your history, your scars, your gifts; you are among persons like yourself.

Join us from wherever you call home. If you like what you see here, we post our virtual, Hymn Sing, and Sunday Worship Service on our website, www.churchonthecape.org.

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