

# REHOBOTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*The Church in the Village*



**Mother's Day**

**MAY 12, 2024**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**139 BAY STATE ROAD, REHOBOTH, MA 02769**



REHOBOTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
- UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST -  
REHOBOTH, MA

1721  
May 12, 2024

2024  
Ten O'Clock

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

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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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 at 9:50AM.

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**INTROIT**

Count Your Blessings

**RCC Choir**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsively)

**We are the people of God.**

**Together we are family.**

I am married,

and single

and in a covenant relationship.

**We are the people of God.**

**Together we are family.**

I was married,

and never married,

and married twice,

and widowed.

**We are the people of God.**

**Together we are family.**

I am older

and younger,

and in between,

facing my first serious relationship,

knowing the joy of love,

enduring betrayal,

tasting the grief of a dying partner.

**We are the people of God.  
Together we are family.**

I am an only child,  
and have ten siblings  
and have raised two children  
and no children.

**We are the people of God.  
Together we are family.**

I am part of a family,  
the human family  
the family of faith  
my family of origin  
the family of my choosing.

**We are the people of God.  
Together we are family.**

Let us worship God together.

**OPENING PRAYER: (unison)**

God of loving kindness, we bring our full selves before you today. Our confident selves, our struggling selves, the selves we are quick to present, the selves we might be tempted to hide. We have many aspects to our being, yet you consistently love us. You stick with us. You encourage us. As we worship and praise you, may we come to know more deeply our identity as your people. Gathered under your wing, may we receive today a sense of protection – also boldness and courage! Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE: (one voice)**

Hear the good news: The glory of God is a person fully alive. With God's forgiveness, we can live more boldly and more grace-fully. May we trust in God to help us live as people forgiven, loved, and freed. 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.

**PASSING THE PEACE:**

The peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Children are invited to the front of the church.

After the message and prayer, they will depart for Sunday school.

Parents, please accompany younger children downstairs.

## **SCRIPTURE:**

### **Matthew 23:37**

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

### **Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering[a] he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

## **RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE:**

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

**Thanks Be to God!**

**SERMON**

Under Her Wing

**Interim Pastor Helen Nablo**

**ANTHEM**

Rest

**RCC Choir**

## **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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### **SHARING OUR GIFTS**

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## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**RCC Choir**

**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 FOR THE OFFERING**

**HYMN**

Blessed Assurance

**Blue #426**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Go Forth for God

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**WORSHIP RESOURCES:**

Our call to worship was found on the site [Worshipblogspot](#).

The book read at the time for children is [Maybe God is like That Too](#), by Jennifer Grant.



# **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 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 communion. Please escort them downstairs to ensure there are enough helpers in the classrooms before returning to worship.

## **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!

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Thursday, May 16th**

10:00AM | Bible Study

6:30PM | Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, May 19th**

10:00AM | Worship

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY MAY 19TH | WORSHIP 10AM**

It is a beloved tradition to wear red attire to church on Pentecost Sunday. This collective display of red symbolizes our unity as a community of believers, all touched by the same Holy Spirit and bound together in Christ's love.

**Please note:** Pastor Helen plans a shorter than usual service, to be followed by a "soul cafe" with discussion questions related to the wellbeing of RCC. Plan to stay and share your thoughts-- and hear what others have to say!

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH**

Ladies, it is time to start thinking about the Women's Retreat at Craigville on the Cape. The theme this year is change. We have a lot scheduled. Jodi and Missy will again be presenting programs. We will also have music, skits and some surprises.

You can register online through the RCC website, go into events. Please see Jane Maynard if you need a paper registration. If you need help with the fee, please see Jane or Jodi. We have a few sponsorships available. Registration will run through to June 30. If you have any questions, please see Jane.

## **WKB WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

### **NEXT MEETING**

**TUESDAY MAY 21ST | 11:30AM**

A brief meeting followed by a talk by our Council on Aging Director, Linda Sherman. Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee and dessert will be provided. All women of the community are invited to attend!

Note: The following meeting on June 18th, will be at the home of Jane Williams at 11:30AM. It will be a potluck luncheon, hopefully outside!

Please contact Jane at 508-252-5440 to ask questions regarding potluck donations, directions, etc.

## **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

### **AVAILABLE FOR SIGN-UP**

The Flower Committee arranges the flowers on the altar each week. All are welcome to sign up for a specific Sunday to honor or memorialize a loved one or an occasion. Your name and information (donor, honoree, occasion) will also be printed in the bulletin and the Epistle; along with a photo if provided.

**Standard Arrangement: \$45.00**

**Special Arrangement: \$60.00**

You may bring your own arrangement, also.

Please, fill out the Memorial Flower Form by clicking the button below. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Samantha in the office via email or phone at 508-252-4545. You can also speak to Deb Woodard or Linda Coffin.

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