

already volunteered thus far. We will keep you updated as more information is available.

**Spring Bible Study** — Please join Rev Amanda for our Spring Bible Study on Wednesday's at 3:30. We will be studying the life of Jacob and how human desire can come together with God's will to form a nation.

**Guided Meditation**— If you are looking for a way to calm down after a long day or stressful week, consider joining us for online guided meditation on Thursday nights. Our meditations take us into a different time and place as we connect with God to find healing and wholeness.

**Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour**— Altar Flowers for Sunday worship are a beautiful addition to our services. You may order or provide the flowers yourself, or have the office order them. Coffee Hour is an exciting part of our congregational life. If you would like to host a Sunday, please contact the church office.

**Sunday, May 15th** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. In Person Worship with Zoom Option  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88440646436?pwd=REEzdGVIVVhFNTFwMkZSMHlpU29LZz09>

**Tuesday, May 17th** **Food Kitchen**  
4:00 p.m. Food Kitchen

**Wednesday, May 18th** **Spring Bible Study**  
3:30 p.m. Bible Study in Person or Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86929899126>

**Thursday, May 19th** **Guided Meditation**  
7:00 p.m. Guided Meditation via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89414286446>

**Sunday, May 22nd** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. In Person Worship with Zoom Option  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88440646436?pwd=REEzdGVIVVhFNTFwMkZSMHlpU29LZz09>  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
11:30 a.m. TAC Meeting

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE  
PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE

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*Organist, Suzanne Lovejoy*

*Council Chair, Phillip Doremus*

*Michelle Szabo, Secretary*

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*For pastoral emergencies call the church office  
or after hours call Rev. Amanda Ostrove at 860-449-4439.*

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**The Congregational  
Church of Easton**



*The church on the hill*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Rev. Amanda Ostrove

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORD

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come before God just as you are.

**We come before God as imperfect beings.**

Come before God and feel His grace rain down upon you.

**We come before God eager for knowledge and yearning for direction.**

Come before God knowing we are blessed and called to God's work.

**We've come together because we know there are those in need of compassion,  
needing to feel God in their lives.**

We are here to seek direction for today and tomorrow. We are here because we profess a faith in the saving ministry of Christ for all.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Ever powerful and all knowing God, we come before you in worship this day. We come as one people in search of your love, in search of your care. We come to give praise to your most Holy name. We come to sing out our praise for your work in this world. We come to give thanks for the ministry you have set upon our hearts as individuals and as a community. We come in search of continued guidance for the future. We come ready to be lead and to be shown how we might better serve you with each day that breaks. Amen.**

#283 NCH \* *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.*

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

PH— Red Pilgrim Hymnal

NCH— Black New Century Hymnal

## CHILDREN'S TALK

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

\*\*HYMN #351 NCH

*I was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Holy Lord, God of life, when we follow those paths that do not lead to life, that lead instead to violence, hate, or fear, forgive us O Lord. When we forget that you offer us life that is abundant and eternal, life that began at the creation of all things, forgive us, O Lord. Forgive us for our insecurities and imperfections and direct us towards a life lived in your love and grace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Words of Assurance

\*Response of Praise #513 PH *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.*

### PRAYERS

Celebrations and Concerns of the Community

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response: #769 NCH \*\* *Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;  
Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.*

### SCRIPTURE

[Psalm 148](#)

*Pew Bible pg. 546*

[Acts 11:1-18](#)

*Pew Bible pg. 958*

\*\*HYMN #319 PH

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

### MEDITATION

[Belonging and Authenticity](#)

### THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Gathering of the gifts with Offertory Anthem

Presentation of the gifts with praise

\*\*Doxology #515 PH \*\* *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 #272

PH

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

### \*\*BENEDICTION

### \*\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## \*POSTLUDE

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Confirming Deacon for May — Daisy Colonnese  
Ushers & Offering — Barbara Trup and Tom Linley  
Scriptures— Grace Raymond and Jon Stock  
Collectors — *Nathalie Taranto and Daisy Colonnese*

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*Today's flowers are given  
In Celebration of Linda Blake's Birthday*

By Connie Wing

**Dear Lord,** as we prepare ourselves for worship, enable us to sense your living presence. Make us alert to the hearing of your Word and grant us the spiritual strength to put into practice what you desire for us to do. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**We have come to the house of God as the family of God.** All are welcome to join in the worship of our Creator. May all be blessed as we lift our hearts unto the Lord. If you are visiting, we hope you'll sign our guest book and we hope all will join us across the street for fellowship after worship.

**Our church staff** is available and can be contacted at the church office at 203-261-2527 during office hours Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For pastoral emergencies call the church office or after hours call Rev. Amanda Ostrove at 860-449-4439.

**Prayer List** - Please keep our members and friends in your prayers; Sara Trup, Chucky Savitski, Jeff Wheeler, and all those who mourn or are in need of special prayers of intention. Call or email the church office to add or remove someone's name from the list.

**Food Pantry Collection—** The first Sunday of the month is Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring non-perishable foods to church to be donated to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Donations are accepted all month in the OA building. We appreciate any help you can give.

**Food Kitchen at Operation Hope** Our next food kitchen is this Tuesday, May 17th at 4:00PM. Please check the sign up sheet for anything that might still be needed.

**Fairfield East Association Spring Meeting**— May 25th via Zoom. Please talk to Rev. Amanda if you would like to attend.

**Tag Sale Announcement—**After much effort and conversation, it has been determined that we do not have enough interest from sellers to continue moving forward with the Tag Sale on May 21st. So it has been decided that we will postpone this event to give us time to either replace it with another event or revise this one. Thank you to all who have

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