

The  
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

Transfiguration Sunday

Rev. Frank Basler

February 11, 2024

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come and rejoice together. God is present with us.

Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones.

**All: We are restored to life, morning after morning.**

**We will extol our God, who lifts us up.**

One: Come to be washed and cleansed, forgiven and freed.

Proclaim the joy of serving in God's name.

**All: We are here to find where God will send us.**

**We are ready to serve in Christ's name.**

### **\*\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**We come to you, gracious God, as a community of people who realize all is not well with us. We come longing for wholeness that eludes us. At times we flee from you. We are afraid to let you come too close. But today we dare to enter your presence with the intention of letting you heal us. Hear us, O God. Be our helper. Turn our mourning into dancing, so our souls may praise you. Touch us with your love. Amen.**

**\*\* Those who are able may stand.**

PH-Red Pilgrim Hymnal NCH-Black New Century Hymnal BH-Little Blue Hymnal

**\*\*HYMN #70 NCH** *“God is Here! As We Your People Meet”* verses 1, 3 & 4

## **\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Where are you, God? We confess that we have ignored you for so long that we feel out of touch. When we have a sudden need, it feels as if you are hiding from us. On those days when it seems we are down in a pit, and there is no way out, we do not dare to trust that you are there. Instead, we look for help in the wrong places and pursue our own ideas of what is best for us. Forgive us, O God, and teach us healthy self-control and responsiveness to your will. Amen. *Please be seated. In silence, let us consider ways in which we have missed the mark.*

## **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.*

## **CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **PRAYERS**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord’s Prayer (debts)**

**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.*

**\*\*HYMN #183 NCH** *“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”* verses 1, 2 & 5

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 50:1-6

Mark 9:2-9

### **MEDITATION**

“The Messiah is Among You”

## THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

God asks us for an accounting of what we have done with the wealth entrusted to us. All that we have and all that we are belongs to God. May we give with thankfulness.

Gathering of the gifts with Offertory

Presentation of the gifts with praise

**\*\*Doxology:** #515 PH *Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **\*\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Holy One, we thank you for the ways in which you have enfolded us in your love and called us by name to follow your son, Jesus. May these gifts and our lives be used to enfold others in your love. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN** #610 NCH *“My Eyes Have Seen the Glory”* all 4 verses

### **\*\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Please join us for Coffee Hour this morning across the street.**

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**Today's flowers** are provided by Barbara Trup in memory of Butch Trup.

**Confirming Deacon for February** - Daisy Colonnese

**Offering** - Daisy Colonnese and Jon Stock

**Collectors** - Daisy Colonnese and Jon Stock

**Coffee Hour** - Phil Doremus

**Frank will be in the office** on Thursday from 9:45 to 1:00.

**Bible Study** meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 10:30 to 11:45 am.

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**“Grace and peace** to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 1:7, NIV) Welcome to the Lord's house for worship! If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book, and we hope all will join us across the street for fellowship after worship.

**Prayer List** - Please keep our members and friends in your prayers, *and especially at this time: the McLaughlin Family and the Family of Peter and Claudia Nielsen.* Please pray for all who mourn or need special prayers of intention, for our congregation, and for friends of our community. You may fill out a Prayer Request card, or call or email the church office to add or remove a name from the list. Thank you for your prayers.

**Ash Wednesday Lenten Program and Supper** is this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP by today, February 11, with a voice mail or email to the Church Office, or on the Sign-up Sheet in the Church Hall.

**Next Food Kitchen is February 20, 2024** - Chicken, any style, or any main dish of your choosing, mac and cheese, or pasta, vegetables, fruit, rolls, and/or dessert. Food may be dropped off on the prior Sunday or Monday mornings, between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., or no later than Tuesday, February 20, at 9:30 a.m. Please indicate that it is for the Food Kitchen. Food should *not* be warm or hot. Containers *cannot* be returned. Thank you to all the cooks, bakers, and shoppers, and thank you to our delivery team!!

**Merton House** - Food Pantry provisions and sample size toiletry items are collected year round in the basket in the entranceway of the Church Hall. They are very appreciative of all the items we provide to them.

## **Calendar for The Congregational Church of Easton**

### **Sunday, February 11, 2024**                      **Transfiguration**

10:00 a.m.                      Worship  
11:00 a.m.                      Coffee Hour

### **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

7:00 p.m.                      AA Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**                      **Ash Wednesday**

6:00 p.m.                      Lenten Program and Supper in the Church Hall

### **Thursday, February 15, 2024**

9:45 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.                      Frank's Office Hours

### **Sunday, February 18, 2024**                      **First Sunday in Lent**

10:00 a.m.                      Worship  
11:00 a.m.                      Coffee Hour

### **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

9:30 a.m.                      Food Kitchen delivery  
7:00 p.m.                      AA Meeting

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*The Reverend Frank Basler, Pastor*  
*Organist - Suzanne Lovejoy*  
*Council Chair, Phillip Doremus                      Deacon Chair, Nathalie Taranto*  
*Sexton, Sara Scoran                      Church Secretary, Katie Croarkin*  
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