

The  
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

Don Boyce, Lay Leader

## PRELUDE

## OPENING WORD & WELCOME

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

**Leader:** Come into this house of worship ready to praise God with song, word and action.

**Congregation:** **Praise the Lord for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**Leader:** Come ready to praise Him for his deeds.

**Congregation:** **Praise the Lord, for he gave his only Son that we might know life everlasting.**

**Leader:** Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, lute and harp.

**Congregation:** **Praise the Lord, for Christ has been risen from the dead to offer new life to all who seek.**

**Leader:** Let everything that breathes praise the Lord, our God, for he has given us new life through Jesus Christ. So my God be close to us this day as we begin to worship.

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

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

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

Almighty and eternal God, we give thanks to you for the spiritual triumph of Jesus in life and death. Grant that our praises may be joined with those of all peoples everywhere who worship You in spirit and in truth. May we be inspired by the risen Christ and may He walk with us in our journey together as united people. Inspire us and be with us as we prepare our hearts for worship this morning, through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.

**\*\*HYMN #3 LBH**      *"Blessed Assurance"*      verses 1 - 3

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

### **PRAYER**

Silent Prayer

*Layman's 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 also have forgiven 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.**

**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 #37 LBH**      *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*      all 3 verses

### **SCRIPTURES**

Matthew 4:1-11

2 Corinthians 4:4

## MEDITATION

**“Why Would God Allow This To Happen?”**

## THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Gathering of the gifts with Offertory

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 OF OUR GIFTS

**\*\*HYMN** #19 LBH

***“How Great Thou Art”***

verses 1 - 3

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

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

## POSTLUDE

**After the service, please join us for coffee and fellowship across the street.**

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**Confirming Deacon for May** - *Jim Waterbury*  
**Offering** - *Genevieve Waterbury and Ben Waterbury*  
**Collectors** - *Daisy Colonnese and Debbie Szegedi*  
**Coffee Hour** - *Jim Waterbury and Sara Scoran*

**“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 family of Eunice Hanson, June Logie’s brothers, Claude and Nick Chiaia - both are dealing with medical issues, Rosie Cassatt and her family, Elizabeth Boyce and her family, Suzanne Lovejoy’s mother and family, the Waterbury Family, and Richard McLaughlin. 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.

## **CALENDAR**

**A Memorial Service for Eunice Hanson will be held at the Church on Wednesday, May 7 at 10 a.m.** Congregation members are asked to park at the Library. The Easton Senior Center shuttle will bring you up to the Church and will return you to your car after the service. Eunice will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at a later date.

Immediately following the service, you are invited to a reception at Testo’s Restaurant in Monroe. All are welcome.

**Church Office Hours** - Thursdays from 10:00 a. m. to 1:00 p.m.

**AA Meeting** - Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

**Next Food Kitchen will be Tuesday, May 20.** Donate chicken, any style, or any main dish of your choosing, mac and cheese, or pasta, vegetables, fruit, rolls, and/or dessert. There is a Sign-up Sheet in the Church Hall. 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, May 20, at 9:30 a.m. Please indicate that it is for the Food Kitchen. Food should not be warm or hot. Unfortunately, containers cannot be returned. For more information, contact Genevieve Waterbury (203) 981-9373, g.e.waterbury@gmail.com

**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.

**Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour** Donation of Altar Flowers for a Sunday worship would be a wonderful addition to our services. You may provide the flowers yourself, have a florist deliver them, or have the Office order them. Coffee Hour is an exciting part of our congregational life. If you would like to host a Sunday, the sign-up sheets for both Flowers and Coffee Hour are in the Church Hall. Please call or email the Office for more information. Thank you!

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