

WELCOME TO HARWICH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



September 17, 2023

WE GATHER

Prelude

Sharing joys and concerns

Leader: The table of peace can take almost any shape . . . and sing "Come to the table of peace."

Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace!

Taking Our Place, Opening to Others

L: We gather today to listen, to learn, and to love.

P: **We are ready to share and to hear what others have to say.**

L: Though we are all different, we yearn to find a mutual understanding.

P: **We are standing on common ground.**

L: We take our seat at the Table of Peace.

P: **We know that God is already here!**

*Opening Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

#2171

Opening Prayer

When we feel overwhelmed by the storms of life, enter our hearts with your redeeming love, O Christ. When our fears overtake us and we cannot find our way, give us direction that we might faithfully serve you all our days, singing your praises! Amen.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Lord, we confess that we don't always turn to you in our troubles. Sometimes we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety. We cannot see "the light at the end of the tunnel." For us, there is only the ongoing darkness and

hopelessness. Clear our sight, O Lord. Bind up our wounded spirits! Fill us with your mercy and love. Forgive us when we stray; when we fear; when we falter. Pick us up and place us on pathways of peace and hope, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Responsive Reading: The Song of Moses

L: Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

**P: 'I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.**

L: The LORD is my strength and my might,

P: and he has become my salvation;

L: this is my God, and I will praise him,

P: my parent's God, and I will exalt him.

L: The LORD is a warrior;

P: the LORD is his name.

L: Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;

P: his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

L: The floods covered them;

P: they went down into the depths like a stone.

L: Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power—

P: your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

L: In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;

P: you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.

L: At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up,
the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

**P: The enemy said, "I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them."**

L: You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the
mighty waters.

P: Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?

**Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendour, doing wonders?**

L: You stretch out your right hand, and the earth swallows your enemies.

P: In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed.

L: In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

**P: The nations will hear and tremble;
anguish will grip the people of Philistia.**

L: The chiefs of Edom will be terrified, the leaders of Moab will be seized
with trembling, the people of Canaan will melt away; terror and dread will fall on them.

**P: By the power of your arm they will be as still as a stone—
until your people pass by, LORD, until the people you bought pass by.**
**L: You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance—
the place, LORD, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, Lord,
your hands established.**
P: The LORD reigns for ever and ever."

WE PROCLAIM

*Hymn	As We Gather at Your Table" (vs. 1)	#2268
Scripture Readings	Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35	
	Reader: The Word of God for the People of God	
	Response: Thanks be to God!	
Anthem	"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"	A. Husberg
Sermon	"The Golden Rule"	Pastor Dianne

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Sung Response: "At This Table"

**At this table we lift our voices in prayer. At this table we seek your peace.
At this table we know you have drawn near. At this table we find release.**

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Offering

*Doxology	Be Present at Our Table Lord"	#621
	Be present at our table, Lord, be here and everywhere adored; thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in fellowship with thee.	

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. In gratitude for all these blessings and
in confidence that our gifts will be used for ministries of peace and hope, we offer these
gifts. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH

*Closing Hymn	I've Got Peace Like a River"	#2145
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***Benediction**

Let the people say, "Amen!" Amen!

*** "God Be With You"**

from #672

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

***Postlude**

Liturgist: Nick Dillmann

Ushers: Bob Alexander and Dot Harrington

Coffee Hour: Carl Johnson and Rose Higgins

You are welcome here. No matter who you are. No matter what.

Scripture Readings for September 24, 2023

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30;
Matthew 10:1-16

Calendar

Today: Ad Board meets after worship
4 pm Potluck (open to the public)

Monday, September 18: Thrift Shop Volunteers meet at 12:15pm

Monday, September 25: Pam and David Purdy will share their story of cross-cultural adoption
from 10:30 - 12 at Harwich COA. Please call to register - 508-430-7550.

Prayers

Grieving: all who have lost loved ones and been displaced by fires, floods, earthquakes and other
disasters; family of Fred Buess

Hospice: David Thyng

The effects of climate change world-wide

Healing: Mary Dulemba, Karl Young, Judy Thomas, Hilda Remer, Don Gould, Sr., Ruth Zeller,
Joan Felahi, Gloria Brown, Karen and Jack Duncan, Linda Todenhagen, Sloan Gambardella, Chris
Shaper, Noel Rebello, Jeannie,

Sheila Johnson, Irene Van Norden,

Continued Prayers: Dan Murphy, Don Howell, Al Thompson, Donald Turcotte, Kenny Souza, Joan
Stevens, Nancy McIntyre, Pauline Doliber, Michael Chatham, Greg Legeyt and Karen Daffinee

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