Welcome to Harwich United Methodist Church

October 4, 2026
19th Sunday after Pentecost

~~Thought for the Week~~

"In the Eucharist, we meet the God who gives Himself to us and asks us to give ourselves to others." — Henri J.M. Nouwen

~~Gathering & Welcome~~

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prelude
Call to Worship
L: Like a sower, God scatters, and God will give growth.
P: God scatters life across the earth.
L: God scatters people in every land and nation.
P: God scatters disciples far and wide.
L: Like a shepherd, God gathers.
P: God gathers people into families of faith.
L: God gathers people into communities of love.
P: God gathers people into the body of Christ.

***Opening Hymn** **"The Church's One Foundation"** **#545**

Morning Prayer
L: Today, on this World Communion Sunday, God gathers us at one table with disciples of every language, culture, and tradition. From cathedrals and chapels, from huts and houses, from fields and cities, God gathers us in many places and makes us one in Christ. At this table, we remember the cost of discipleship and rejoice in the richness of Christ's gifts poured out for the whole world.
P: Gracious God, with grateful hearts we gather to bring you praise. May your praises fill the whole earth. We are thankful for your mighty works, and for the tender care you give us. We praise you with our voices, our bodies, our instruments, ourselves. We join all of creation to give you praise. In the name of your Son, our Lord, Amen.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 80:7-15 (Response 1)** **#801**

***Apostle's Creed Ecumenical Version** **#882**
Gloria Patri **#70**

~~The Church Proclaims the Word~~

Scripture Readings **Acts 4:5-12**

Anthem **"All Who Love and Serve Your City"** **C.R. Young**

Gospel Lesson **Matthew 21:33-46**
L: The Word of God for the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

Message **"The Vineyard"** **Pastor Dianne**
***Hymn** **"Sing Alleluia to the Lord"** **#2258**

~~ Response to the Word~~

Invitation

Prayer of Confession and Pardon
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, And the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.

L: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

ALL: Glory to God. Amen.

The Prayer of Saint Francis **Rev. Sonny Gada**

Passing the Peace

Offertory & Offering

***Doxology** **"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"** **#94**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Most loving and gracious God, we are thankful. We are thankful for your grace to us in Jesus Christ, for your gift of the church in its global witness, for the capacity to give. May these gifts help prepare the way of peace in our community around the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

Responses:

1. **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**
2. **Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will Come again**
3. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

~~The Church Goes Forth~~

***Hymn** **"In Christ There is no East or West"** **#548**

***Benediction**

***Parting Hymn** **"God Be With You"** **#672**

Postlude

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

Liturgist: David Purdy
Ushers: John & Leslie Albee
Fellowship Time: David & Pam Purdy

Scripture for October 11, 2025

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Acts 8:14-25; Matthew 22:1-4

Calendar

Wed Oct 7	United Methodist Women's Group Meeting 1pm
Thurs Oct 8	SPRC Zoom Meeting 6pm
Sun Oct 11	Church Yard Clean Up 11:15am
Sun Oct 18	Administrative Council Meeting 11:15am
Thurs Oct 22	Potluck Dinner 5pm
Sun. 11/1	All Church Conference 2:30-4:30pm at South Yarmouth United Methodist Church 318 Old Main Street, South Yarmouth

Announcements

- Please start collecting Attic Treasures and Jewelry to donate to our Christmas Fair (Nov. 21)
- Please see Pat Thayer to purchase Stop & Shop or Shaw's Gift Cards.
- Let us know what your favorite hymns are: fill out the cards in the pews and place in the collection plate or email the church office at harwichumc@gmail.com.
- If you have any church business, please send an email to the office or leave a note in the basket on the office door.

Grieving: Family of Kelly Twomey (Jane Twomey's son)

Prayers: Joan Felahi, Don Gould, Dan & Lil Murphy, Joy & Dave (re: Murphy's) Ruth Zeller, Karen Daffinee, Carlton Daffinee Jr., Jim Mulligan & Mary Dulemba, Roger & Gerry Di Gesu, Kathleen Sullivan (re: Carolyn Dickinson), Chrissie Gleason (re: Rose Higgins), Laurie Bonin, Bob (re: Jan Freeman), Bill Bly & Maryanne Timmins, Kathie (re: Mary Dulemba), Matt Bober (re: Becky Di Gesu), Brian Mielke, Pat & Gordon Thayer, Joanne (re: Carolyn Dickinson), Cindy Farrell Starbuck & Mark Farrell & Starbuck Farrell family in Hawaii People around the world caught in war & unrest.

Safe Travels: Carolyn Dickinson

Happy Birthday to:

5 Linda Carberry
14 Nicholas Dillmann
Josh Vigneau
21 Marcia Ostrander-Connors
28 Valerie Bell
29 Lucinda Freeman
31 Janna Dodson

Happy Anniversary to:

8 Dan and Lil Murphy

Committee Chairs Please make sure to have your Church Conference reports into the office by Monday October 19th

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