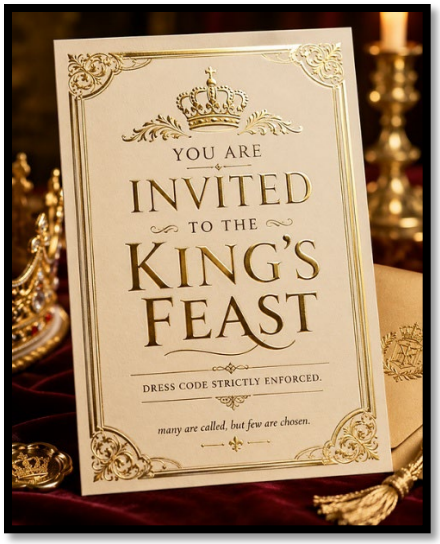
Welcome to Harwich United Methodist Church



October 11, 2026
20th Sunday After Pentecost

~~Thought for the Week~~

"We can't start the next chapter without you. Please let us know if you can come!" -Anonymous

~~Gathering & Welcome~~

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prelude
Call to Worship

L: Beloved, God's never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.
P: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
L: God's always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.
P: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
L: God's persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God's mercy and justice wherever we go.
P: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
L: May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.
P: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

***Opening Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" #92**

Morning Prayer
Open our hearts and our spirits to hear your healing words of peace and love, O God. Help us be the people of service and justice that you have called us to be. Make us ready to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever. Give us hearts of joy and justice, for we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 106:1-5, 19-23 #829

~~The Church Proclaims the Word~~

Scripture Readings Philippians 4:1-9

Anthem "If My People Will Pray" J. Owens

Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:1-14
L: The Word of God for the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

Message "RSVP" Pastor Dianne

***Hymn "We are God's People" #2220**

~~Response to the Word~~

*** A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada #883**

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

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

***Prayer of Thankfulness**
In gratitude, we bring these gifts, signs of love learned from you. Quiet our anxious hearts and turn our attention toward what is true, honorable, and worthy of praise. Shape us into a people whose generosity is gentleness made visible, whose offerings declare we are on the side of our neighbors. Receive what we place in your hands and let it become courage, welcome, and hope. Guard us with your peace as we press on in Christ. Amen

~~The Church Goes Forth~~

***Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #431**
***Benediction**
***Parting Hymn "God Be With You till We Meet Again" #672**
Postlude

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

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Scripture for October 18, 2026

Exod 33:12-23; Psalm 99; Acts 10:34-43; Matt 22:15-22

Calendar

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.

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

Prayers: Joan Felahi, Don Gould, Dan & Lil Murphy, Ruth Zeller, Jim Mulligan & Mary Dulemba, Roger & Gerry Di Gesu, Kathleen Sullivan (re: Carolyn Dickinson), Laurie Bonin; Bill Bly & Maryanne Timmins, Kathie (re: Mary Dulemba), Matt Bober (re: Becky Di Gesu), Joanne (re: Carolyn Dickinson), Cindy Farrell Starbuck & Mark Farrell, Pat & Gordon Thayer
People around the world caught in war & unrest.

Thank you
To Our
Garden Angel,
Bob Alexander,
For Cleaning up the
over growth in our
Church yard!