Welcome to Harwich United Methodist Church

October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday

~~Thought for the Week~~

"Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason… I cannot and I will not recant anything."
— Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms, 1521

"In short, I will preach it, teach it, write it, but I will constrain no one by force, for faith must come freely without compulsion." — Martin Luther

~~Gathering & Welcome~~

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prelude
Call to Worship
L: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
L: When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:
P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
L: When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the

social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:

P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

L: Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.

P: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

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

***Opening Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Sky" #185**

Morning Prayer

Happy are we, O God, when our hearts are full, our ways are yours, our spirits enlivened by your call. Happy are we, O God, when our lives are guided by delight. We gather here today for just that, holy God. We gather to draw on all you would give us to be more fully yours. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Written by Rev. Kaji S. Douša

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent prayer

Words of Assurance

Receive this good news: God, who tests our hearts, gives us abundant grace to turn from sin and back to God again and again and again. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

Passing the Peace

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 #809

~~The Church Proclaims the Word~~

Scripture Readings Deuteronomy 34:1-12 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Anthem "O God in Heaven" E.G. Maquiso

Gospel Lesson **Matthew:22:34-46**

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message **"The View From The Top"** **Pastor Dianne**

***Hymn** **"It Is Well with My Soul"** **#377**

~~Response to the Word~~

***A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church** **#884**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Offering

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

***Prayer of Thankfulness**

Loving God, you call us to live the gospel. You test our hearts through the daily invitation to serve, to love, and to share our lives with one another. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to embody the good news of Christ. Use what we offer to nurture communities of compassion, where faith is lived gently, courageously, and with humility. May our witness be rooted in love that gives itself freely for others. Amen.

~~The Church Goes Forth~~

***Hymn** **"To God Be the Glory"** **#98**

***Benediction**

***Parting Hymn** **"God Be With You till We Meet Again"** **#672**

Postlude

Flowers on the altar this morning are from the wedding of
Stela Gosheva & Vladko Iliev.

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

Liturgist: Pat Thayer
Ushers: June Andrejko & Pat Brothers
Fellowship Time: Marietta Maloney

Scripture for November 1, 2026

Josh 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Acts 11:1-18; Matt 23:1-12

Calendar

Sun 11/1	All Saints Sunday
Sun 11/1	All Church Conference 2:30-4:30pm at South Yarmouth United Methodist Church 318 Old Main Street, South Yarmouth
Wed 11/4	United Methodist Women's Group Meeting 1pm
Sun 11/15	Administrative Council Meeting 11:15am
Sat 11/21	Church Christmas Fair 10-2pm
Sun 11/22	Thanksgiving Pot Luck Luncheon 11:15am
Sun 11/29	Dress a Live Doll Wrapping Party 11:15am
Sun 11/29	First Sunday of Advent

Announcements

- Please start collecting Attic Treasures and Jewelry to donate and/or consider baking for 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.
-Write on a Sticky note, on the Ladies Parlor Table, anyone you would like included in our All-Saints Day Service on November 1, 2026.

Grieving: Carole Porter's father passed away in California this past week.

Prayers: Joan Felahi, Don Gould, Dan & Lil Murphy, Ruth Zeller, Jim Mulligan & Mary Dulemba, Roger & Gerry Di Gesu, Laurie Bonin; Bill Bly & Maryanne Timmins, Kathie (re: Mary Dulemba), Michael Chatham, Herb Bell
Family and Community of the victims of the school shooting in Bend, Oregon.
People around the world caught in war & unrest.

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