

CALENDAR

MONDAY, April 7		THURSDAY, April 10	
Church Office	9:30-1:30	Church Office	9:30-1:30
Chair Yoga (Hall)	9:30-10:30	Chair Yoga (Hall)	9:30-10:30
Admin Meeting (Krafft)	6:00	Miracle Kitchen	10:00
AA (Hall)	6:30-7:30	Cotuit Athletic Assoc (Hall)	6:00
TUESDAY, April 8		FRIDAY, April 11	
Church Office	9:30-1:30	AA	7:00
Pastor Parish (Krafft)	2:00	SATURDAY, April 12	
Bible Study (Hall)	6:30	For Such A Time As This Event 1:00-5:00	
WEDNESDAY, April 9		SUNDAY, April 13	
Church Office	9:30-1:30	Palm Sunday	
Prayer Circle	9:30	Worship-Rev Darrell Goodwin 10:00	
AA Women's Group	6:30—8	Coffee Hour 11:15	
		Confirmation Class (Hall) 6:30	

Find hope now
FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Saturday | April 12, 2025
 Cotuit Federated Church
 40 School St | Cotuit, MA 02635



Renewal and Revival with Rev. Darrell Goodwin 1-5pm

Join other UCC churches in conversation with the Rev. Darrell Goodwin, Executive Conference Minister of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. Featuring:

- Events are free and open to UCC Clergy and Members
- Small Group Conversations
- Worship
- A Message of Hope
- Prayer



An optional dinner will be served at 5:30pm. A suggested donation of \$15 if you are staying for dinner.

End the evening with a night of movement and dancing led by First Gentleman of the SNEUCC, Kentavis Brice-Goodwin.

Movement For Such A Time As This with Kentavis Goodwin-Brice 6:30-7:30pm

There will be sign up sheets for volunteers needed for this event in the back of Hamilton Hall today. Thank you in advance for your support!



5th Sunday In Lent

Sunday, April 6 | 10 o'clock in the morning
 40 School Street | Post Office Box 436 | Cotuit, MA 02635
www.cotuiffederatedchurch.org | 508-428-6163

THE 5th WEEK IN LENT

Zaccheus

Read Luke 19:1-10

Artist statement | Lauren Wright Pittman

I had a lot of fun discovering new layers to this familiar story. I learned that Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore fig tree, which was a food source for poor people because the fruit was bitter and generally undesirable. I had always imagined a fruitless tree, but the presence of fruit opened up interesting avenues to explore. The root word for sycamore tree is σῦκον, meaning “fig,” and as I did a study of other key words in the text, I noticed this same root word in συκοφαντεω, or “defrauded,” which was used to describe what Zacchaeus did to his community. It was curious to me that the root word for “defrauded” was “fig,” so I dug deeper to find that the Greek word was from the phrase “fig-informer” or a person who would notify authorities if one was exporting figs from Greece without paying a tax. It seemed that these “fig-informers” would use the threat of exposure to extort money from fig farmers. This is where the word “sycophant” comes from, which evolved to more generally describe a “malignant accuser from love of gain,” which perfectly describes Zacchaeus. Jesus calls Zacchaeus out of his identity as “sycophant” into his new identity as “repentant host” who invites Jesus into his home and redistributes his ill-gotten wealth. Zacchaeus’s clothing holds a repeated pattern of four figs and halves of coins, referencing the fruits of his transformation. The area where Zacchaeus sat in the tree is fruitless and dying. His actions were destructive and oppressive to his own community. The crowd is correct in grumbling about him; their anger is righteous, but Jesus offers mercy. In this visual metaphor, Jesus removes him from the tree so it has a chance to heal and nourish the whole community. Jesus’ clothing is patterned with suns, representing righteousness, and water, representing mercy, because it is through his merciful actions that righteousness for the community is achieved.

GUEST INFORMATION: Thank you for worshipping with us today! Pick up a welcome brochure to learn more about our church. Join us for coffee hour following today’s worship — just follow the crowd to our community room (Hamilton Hall). Both our sanctuary and community room are accessible at the High Street entrance. Handicapped parking is available on High Street and in the driveway to Hamilton Hall. Please ask a Greeter or Deacon to answer any questions.

PRAYER CARDS: You will find prayer request cards at the Welcome Center and in the pew racks. You are invited to fill out a card and place it in the offering basket.

OUR E-LIST: The “Weekly Word” is an e-mail newsletter for our members and friends. If you do not receive it and would like to, please complete the New Comer form available in the Welcome Packet, or call the Church Office at (508) 428-6163 or e-mail cfc436@gmail.com to sign up.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to donate flowers on any given Sunday, please sign up on the Sign-Up Sheet or contact Shannon in the office—(508) 428-6163—with your dedication.

Please join us today in Hamilton Hall for coffee and refreshments following the service.

Altar Flowers are presented:

In Memory Of
Ward & Sally Beightol

by Kristin and James Mawhinney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIRACLE KITCHEN & FAITH FAMILY KITCHEN:

Thursday, April 10th, Wednesday, April 16th & Tuesday, April 22nd

The Salvation Army (100 North Street, Hyannis) is back up and running. Miracle Kitchen food will be prepared there on the 2nd Thursday and 4th Tuesday of each month. The Faith Family Kitchen is also back and is the 3rd Wednesday of the month 4:30 –7 p.m. For more information about volunteering for either of these wonderful programs, contact Ken Molloy at kmacape@comcast.net.

BIBLE STUDY — SIGNS & WONDERS

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

A new bible study session will begin on April 1st. Study is held every Tuesday at 6:30 in Hamilton Hall. See Weekly Word for more information. Books are available in Bruce Hall

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET TO KNOW REV. DAN SMITH

Small Group or 1:1s with Rev. Dan

As noted in his Spring *Chimes* message, Dan is eager to meet with and get to know CFC members, whether in 1:1’s, or with couples, or in small group settings. He will be in Cotuit most Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. Please reach out to him! He’s eager to hear your story and to learn more about CFC. To help with scheduling, he has set up a Calendly site. You can visit <https://calendly.com/communityminister-cfc> to schedule a 30 or 50 minute window for a meeting. The meeting could be in the Kraft Room, via phone or zoom, or a place of your choosing. You can also reach him directly at communityminister@cotuitfederatedchurch.org.

PCA JOB OPPORTUNITY

Weekdays 5-7pm

A PCA is needed for a local woman on Weekdays from 5-7pm.

Please call Jean at 508-360-1070 for more information. Pay is \$19.50/hour.

EASTER TRIBUTES

Due by Sunday, April 13th

Order forms for Easter Tributes are available in the Narthex, on the welcome table inside the glass entryway and at the back of Hamilton Hall. Submissions are due on or before April 13th (Palm Sunday) to be acknowledged in the Easter Festival bulletin.

TODAY'S SERVERS

Ministers: *The People of Cotuit Federated Church*

Pastor: *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou* | Community Minister: *Rev. Daniel Smith*

Deacon: *Carol-Jean O'Toole* | Worship Steward: *Kristin Mawhinney*

Lay Reader: *Carol-Jean O'Toole* | Greeters: *Judy Eide & Barbara White*

Director of Christian Education: *Lynne Belfiore* | Director of Music: *Megan Anthony*

Admin. Assistant for Ministry: *Shannon Boon*

Thank you to all those who serve!

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- Worship
- Coffee Hour



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Passing of the Peace is the oldest part of the Christian liturgy and is a special way we welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. You are invited to participate by crossing your hands over your heart, waving or giving the sign of the peace. or offering a hug or handshake,

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

Carol-Jean O'Toole

One: We come to worship because we long for mercy.

Many: We long for community.

We long for God.

One: We come to worship because we need a good word.

Many: We need connection.

We need moral reminders.

One: We come to worship because we are in between:

Many: hope and grief,

faith and doubt,

joy and longing,

curiosity and conviction.

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One: So we come to worship and God meets us here.

Many: Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle! Amen.

All: Loving God,
Week after week we return to this space, because we long to see you.
Like Zacchaeus who climbed a tree to get a peek at you as you walked by, we come to this sanctuary hoping to get a peek of your goodness, of your joy, of your light.
So speak to us through these ancient words. Let us get a peek of the love that lingers here.
Gratefully we pray, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

UMC #351

Please join in singing.

Pass Me Not, O' Gentle Savior

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carol-Jean O'Toole

Righteous Mercy

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Rowland H. Prichard, 1830;
harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Since our child - hood you have taught us what is wrong
Though there's wide - ness in your mer - cy, let us not
Far too of - ten we hold on - to an - ger dressed
and what is right Nur - tur - ing our sense of
a - buse that grace Called in - to this Chris - tian
as righ - teous - ness We for - get we serve a
jus - tice, fuel - ing us to work and fight Keep that
jour - ney, let our lives re - flect our faith When we
God who calls us to re - la - tion - ship So when
fire for jus - tice burn - ing in the sha - dow
fal - ter and fall short of our com - mit - ment
those who caused us harm re - pent and choose a
of our fear E - ven there your Spi - rit's stir - ring,
to your will Hold us, wrap - ping us in your love
bet - ter way Spi - rit move our venge - ful hearts
light - ing us a path that's clear
as we work toward whole - ness still
to choose love in - stead of wrath

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation

The Lord's Prayer TFWS#2278

Our Father... in heaven... holy is your name...

Your kingdom come... your will be done...

on earth... as it is in heaven...

*Give us today... our daily bread... and forgive
us our sins... as we forgive those who sin against us...*

*Save us from the time... of trial... and deliver us... from evil...
for the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, forever.*

....and ever...

Invitation to the Table
Prayer of The Great Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Gratitude

*CLOSING HYMN

Please join in singing.

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Righteous Mercy

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D ("Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus")

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carol-Jean O'Toole

**All: Merciful God,
When we fail to be righteous,
show us mercy.
When we fail to be merciful,
show us what is right.
Again and again,
bring us closer to you.
Again and again,
show us the way.
Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

ANTHEM

Plowshare Prayer

Spencer Lajoie

(CHILDREN INVITED TO CHURCH SCHOOL)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer in Song:

*We will rejoice in love,
lift up our voice in love,
make every choice in love,
we will uphold your world in love.
We will delight in love,
share and invite in love,
till all unite in love,
we will enfold your world in love.*

Gathering of the Prayers

Prayer in Song

*We will repent in love,
raise our lament in love,
dare to dissent in love,
we will uphold your world in love.
We will persist in love,
choose to resist in love,
and coexist love,
we will enfold your world in love.*

*We will rejoice in love,
lift up our voice in love,
make every choice in love,
we will uphold your world in love.
We will delight in love,
share and invite in love,
till all unite in love,
we will enfold your world in love.*

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Offering

***Doxology:**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above, ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Prayer of Dedication**

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12

Carol-Jean O'Toole

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:31 - 19:10

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

SERMON

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

Righteousness & Mercy