

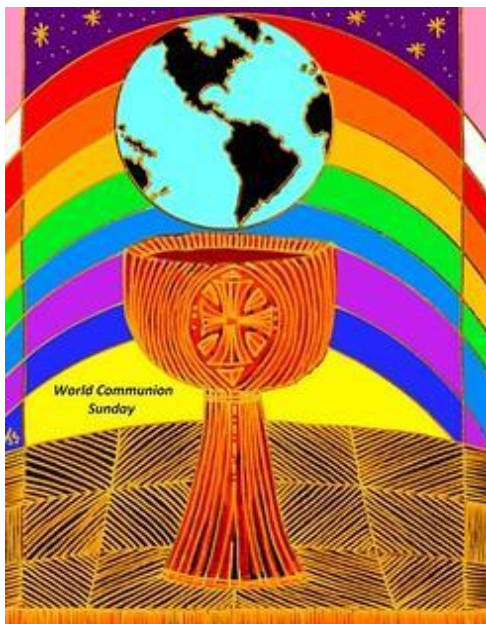


Jamestown, Rhode Island

October 5, 2025

17th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday



Rev. Bob Nolan, Pastor
Walter Sage, Organist & Choir Director

Tanya Crowley, Office Administrator
October 5, 2025

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Walter Sage

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation (unison)

Holy Assurance,

**The cobwebs of doubt spread as we notice divisions
and injustices grow. We are uncertain of your presence
and have great doubt of the ways you work through us.
As we seek your presence among us, clear our minds of
the distractions. As mercy blossoms, our doubts will
transform to belief. Fill our souls with hope. May we
know that your Realm abides around us. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn**

“Softly and Tenderly ”

No. 326

***Call to Worship**

(Inspired by Psalm 37)

One: Do not despair at the acts of the wicked-

**Many: Trust in God. Scatter the seeds of justice in our
world.**

One: Do not desire or trust in the power of worldly empires-

**Many: Delight in the power of God whose light fills our
souls.**

**One: Do not embrace wrath or resentment; find patience in
times of shadows-**

**Many: Commit to the ways of God. Trust in the Holy One as
Divine Love fills our earth.**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 623

Communion

Introduction & Bread Stories

Pastor Bob

One: Creator be with us all.

ALL: We remember the land from which we came

One: Lift up your hearts

**ALL: We remember the patience and tenderness
Needed**

One: Lift up our hearts

**ALL: We remember the sacrifice You made to help us
believe**

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took the bread and asked the disciples to imagine it as both whole and broken, for in both states, it is a symbol of what was and yet still to come. Take, eat, and remember.

He then took the cup asking the disciples to imagine what it feels like to be both empty and then full, for in both states, he shared that God is indeed with us. Take, eat, and remember.

Receiving the Elements

Thanksgiving Prayer Together

We thank you, God, for opening our eyes and our hearts to experience you at this table.

Grant that in the days ahead:

- our lips, which have sung your praises, may speak the truth

-our eyes, which have seen your love, may look with compassion on the needs of the world

-our hands, which have held this bread, and this cup may be active in your service.

We pray this in the presence of the living Christ.

Amen

Anthem

“ Riversongs”

CBC Choir

arranged by Joseph M. Martin (2011)

*This pleasant medley features four river themed spirituals,
sometimes sung separately, sometimes together.*

Listen for the ebb and flow.

Children’s Message

Marilyn Rodriguez

Scripture

Luke 17: 5-10

(NRSVUE)

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

Sermon

“A Place at the Table”

Pastor Bob

Hymn

“Have You Any Room for Jesus?”

No. 328

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Spirit of Encouragement,

You thrive in our times of doubt. Your work takes root even if the drought of fear destroys our fertile soil. Yet we allow our mistrust of you and our neighbors to disturb our growth. We ask you to increase our faith

when we are refusing to cultivate it. Motivate us to seek new ways of exploring our faith. Embolden us to trust even when fear creeps into our minds. Amen.

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Words of Grace

Pastor Bob

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering & Offertory

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor Bob

Offertory Meditation

Walter Sage

***Doxology**

No. 625

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Holy Vessel of Endurance,
When our spirits experience dehydration, you quench our souls. When doubt creeps into our minds, you fill our hearts with your hydrating presence. Encourage us to stretch ourselves in our giving. Help us to see that we have the faith to take movements forward into the future with courage and strength. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

"Pass Me Not"

No. 337

Benediction

Pastor Bob

Benediction Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

No. 247

Spirit of the Living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, Mold me, Fill me, Use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Postlude

Walter Sage

WELCOME TO CBC

Welcome to Central Baptist Church. Please join us following the service for coffee hour in Clarke Hall.

If you have questions about our congregation, please speak with our deacons.

We now have a nursery! Please sign up to take a turn. The sign-up sheet is in the parlor.

We now will have 5 handicap parking spots on the church side next to the walkway.

TODAY AT CBC

The Mission Statement Taskforce Invites You!

We invite the congregation to join us on the first Sunday of the next three months (starting today!) for a series of Casual Congregational Conversations that will focus on how we, as a faith community, embody each of the three CBC tenets: Open Doors, Open Minds and Open Hearts. So, please grab a cup of coffee after the service and join us to talk about “living” the spirit of **Open Doors**.

The draft Mission Statement and Rationale:

Mission Statement: We are a faith community drawn from diverse Christian backgrounds and dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs within and beyond our walls through Open Doors, Open Minds, and Open Hearts.

Rationale for Open Doors, the focus of today’s

Congregational Conversation:

- Our doors are open to all. We gather in many contexts to be renewed in spirit, grounded in Christian practice, and strengthened for the work at hand.

- Our doors open both ways. We manifest our faith through action, speaking to the needs of our time, trusting in God yet knowing that in this world God's work must truly be our own.

THIS WEEK AT CBC

Exercise with us!

This Fun group meets on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:30 to 9:30 at Clarke Hall. We use various exercise videos appropriate for all levels. We start with a gentle warm-up, walk about two miles, then cool down, followed by gentle stretches. Sometimes we use light weights and floor mats (provided). Questions? Contact Ellen Greene at 932-8288 or en707@cox.net

Community Chair Yoga (free)

Classes are In Person Mondays | 1:00 - 2:00 pm with Susan.

** Free for all Jamestown Pantry Participants and to the CBC congregation

** open to all Jamestown residents for free too

** Pre-registration appreciated at shriyoga.org

LOOKING AHEAD AT CBC

Little Dresses

The mission of "Little Dresses for Africa" is to provide relief to African children, by distributing home-made dresses to little girls, primarily in African villages, but also other countries in crisis. These meetings will be on the last Thursday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Clarke Hall.

CBC Courier... Extended

We will begin our monthly newsletter starting in November. The deadline for the November issue of our church newsletter is October 17th at 9:00 a.m. Please submit materials to cbctanya1@gmail.com.

CBC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Oct. 5

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Special Meeting

Monday, Oct. 6

1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga

Tuesday, Oct. 7

8:30 a.m. Exercise with us!

Thursday, Oct. 9

8:30 a.m. Exercise with us!

Sunday, Oct. 12

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 28th Attendance: 56

October Anniversaries

Marsha and Tony Guiterrez October 11th
Happy 50th!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**If you would like your birthday or anniversary recognized,
Please contact: Ellen Greenby phone 401-932-8288
by email: en707@cox.net**

CBC COFFEE HOUR

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Sunday Coffee hour following the worship service. There are instructions for setting up & clean up are near the back of the sink. You have

the choice to provide snacks or not. If anyone is interested, please sign up, the sign-up sheet in Clarke Hall kitchen

CBC PRAYERS

Ellen asked for prayers for Mary Lou D'Aiello's daughter Laura. She just had back surgery. It was a success, but she will need lots of prayers as she recovers.

Marsha Gutierrez asked for prayers for Marsha Brome. She will have back surgery on Thursday.

Tammy prayers of gratitude for all the work the Deacons & Hospitality committee did regarding yesterday's service for Cheryl. She also asked for prayers for Tanya who is under some stress & continued prayers for John Page and his family.

Jill asked for continued prayers for Butch.

Walter prayers of joy that Janet's cousins Dave & Jackie were at church today. They are visiting from Ohio.

Deb asked for prayers for Nancy, a friend of a few people at our church. She will be undergoing surgery on Wednesday in Boston.

Linc praised God for his sweet mother. She was unable to come today because she was very exhausted.

Don Carlson prayers of joy upon learning that he will be a grandfather for the first time.

Also prayers for the Mission group in our church.

Grafton Bucklin's mother-in-law Shirley fell and broke her wrist, hip and pelvis. She is in a hospital in Norwich, CT. Please pray for her, Grafton and Lisa.

THE JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting food insecure Jamestown residents. Central Baptist Church supports the mission of the JCFP by providing the space for the food pantry's operations. Additionally, CBC has an ongoing

nonperishable food collection that is donated to the JCFP monthly. During **October & November**, the food pantry needs Cans of gravy, Cans of cranberry saucy, Bread/muffin mixes, Stuffing mix. Donations can be placed in the basket in the church parlor.

New CBC Information

John Andrews has taken over the role of Treasurer.

Moving forward, please submit all payments to him, he has a mailbox downstairs near the church offices.

Ellen Greene is the financial secretary. Please submit all donations, pledges, gifts to her mailbox. Thank you!

Bulletin Announcements

Please submit announcements for the Sunday bulletin to the church office by 10:00 a.m. on the preceding Wednesday.

Joys & Concerns

If you have a need or a celebration you would like to share, please speak with the pastor, one of our deacons or forward the information to the church office.

Flowers

If anyone would like to honor someone, or as a memorial.

We will have the flower request forms on the table in the parlor and will be placed on the altar on the week of their choosing.

Any questions, please contact the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE

Our office hours: **Monday–Thursday, 11AM to 1 PM**

For administrative needs please call Tanya Crowley, administrative assistant, by calling the office at **423-1651**; email **cbctanya1@gmail.com**

For pastoral and emergency needs contact the pastor,

Rev. Bob Nolan

Email: **nolan062400@gmail.com** ; Cell: **(401) 339-6134**

Please scan Pastor Bob's QR Code:

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