

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 26, 2025

PRELUDE.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL INTROIT *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* Beethoven/Magatagan

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 84)*

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

Our souls yearn for your presence.

Even the sparrow finds a home near your altar.

We come as we are, hoping to find rest and belonging.

Happy are those whose strength is in God, whose hearts are set on the road of faith.

When we pass through dry valleys, God makes them springs of living water.

OPENING PRAYER

God of open doors and steady hearts, thank you for giving us a place to belong. Holy God, you are our home even while we travel. When our hearts long for peace, meet us on the road. When the journey feels heavy, give us your strength. When dry valleys stretch before us, let your Spirit make them bloom. Gather us in, refresh us with grace, and send us out singing. Through Christ, our companion. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* UMH #127

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 84:1-10* Pew Bible pgs. 476-477

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

HANDBELL ANTHEM *“Take Time to Be Holy”* Arr. D. Wagner

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who welcomes us home. We believe in Jesus Christ, who meets us on the road and walks beside us. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who turns ordinary places into holy ground. We believe that no one journeys alone, and that God’s grace always leads us home. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO:
Welcoming and Invitation

CALL TO OFFERING

The psalmist said, *“No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.”* All that we have comes from that goodness. As we give today, we’re joining in the work of building God’s dwelling place right here— a home where others can find belonging, peace, and renewal.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS *“Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow”* UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON John 4:19-26 Pew Bible pg. 863

HYMN OF PREPARATION *“Shout to the Lord”* Black Hymnal 2074

SERMON *God Still Meets Us Here*

CLOSING HYMN *“My Hope Is Built”* UMH #368

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The flowers adorning the altar today are given by Noreen and Chuck Bryne, in memory of their parents.



Staff

Rev. René A. Perez, Pastor

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God Still Meets Us Here

*Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow
a nest for herself, where she may lay her young at
your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*



WELCOME TO JOHN WESLEY U. M. CHURCH

We are a welcoming and active congregation which seeks to
“**LOVE GOD...LOVE OTHERS...SERVE THE WORLD.**”

We invite you to experience meaningful worship services,
engaging Bible studies, Sunday school, fellowship, preaching,
life-changing local and global mission opportunities and more.

We are an active congregation. At John Wesley, there is always room for everyone to
become a part of something greater than ourselves.

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Worship Every Sunday: 9:30 am

Tuesday 28th

- Book Study 10:30 AM (Fitzgerald Room)
- Trustees Meeting 5:30 PM (Fitzgerald Room)

Wednesday 29th

- Prayer Meeting 11 AM (Sanctuary)
- Book Study in Cataumet 2 PM (Local Grounds)
- Bell Choir 5:45 PM (Sanctuary)
- Chancel Choir 7 PM (Sanctuary)

Thursday 30th

- Book Study 2:30 PM (Library)

**CHANGING OUR WORLD for October is for “Dress a Live Doll” through the
Salvation Army.** Your change will go towards the funds to help children in the community
be able to receive warm winter clothing and Christmas presents.

All Saints Day Celebration — Sunday, November 2.

On Sunday, November 2, we'll gather for our All Saints Day service to remember those who
have passed in the past year, light candles, and offer prayers of gratitude and hope. Guest
Preacher: Rev. Dr. David Abbott.

PUTTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER PRESENTATION

November 2, 2025 11:00AM - After Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

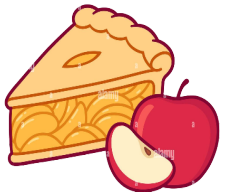
Step-by-step program that helps to de-mystify organizing your estate (property, accounts,
investments, and more). At any age, it is never too early or late to begin!

For more information contact the United Methodist New England Foundation:

Pam DiMartino at pamd@umfne.org or 800-595-4347

APPLE PIE MAKING WORKSHOP: NOV. 3rd 9 AM!

Karen Dean is once again coordinating our very fun apple pie making
workshop on Monday, Nov 3 at 9 am. All are welcome to join. No
experience needed, just come ready for some fun! Contact the office with
any questions



***Get ready for some holiday magic — our Annual Christmas Fair
is just around the corner!***

Join us for festive fun, unique gifts, tasty treats, and seasonal cheer on **Thursday, November
14 from 1 PM to 6 PM, and Friday, November 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM.** To make this
event truly magical, we're looking for **volunteers** to help from November 13 through 15 with
setup, booths, and more. Whether you have a few hours or a full day, your help can make a
big difference. Let's come together to make this the merriest fair yet!



Calling all Bakers! The Church Fair will soon be here!

We need lots of baked goods. Breads, Scones, Cookies, Brownies, and
Gluten Free items. We also need large cookies about 4” diameter,
individually wrapped. **Please mark items so we know what they are. If
they contain nuts, please be sure to include that in the description.**

Goodies may be dropped off at the bake table in the Narthex beginning Thursday afternoon,
Nov 13. Any questions, please reach out to Penny Dean.

October is National Church Library Month! Check out the JWUMC library offerings!