

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
IN HONOR OF  
THE 250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF EDGECOMB

July 14, 2024

SOUNDING THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* Pianist Joseph Cough

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Leader: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

**People: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.**

Leader: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

**People: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.**

Leader: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

**People: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you  
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,  
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses  
Where your name was lifted and adored.  
We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:  
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,  
Strong hands and those gnarled with age  
Holy hands  
Used as wave offerings across the land.  
We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;  
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,  
Head covered or aproned,  
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited  
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.  
Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone  
before us.  
Bless the memories of your saints, God.  
May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication,  
worship, and love.

*(by Ruth Duck from Bread for the Journey, Pilgrim Press)*

PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN *O God Our Help in Ages Past*

#25 NCH

A READING OF THE PETITION

ANTHEM *Sent Forth with God's Blessing*

Small Choir

PSALM 77:11-20 (Responsively)

L: I will remember your great acts, Lord;

**P: I will recall the wonders you did in the past,**

L: I will think about all that you have done;

**P: I will meditate on all your deeds.**

L: Everything you do, God, is holy!

**P: No God is as great as You!**

L: You are the God who works miracles;

**P: You showed Your might among the nations.**

L: By your power you saved your people,

**P: The descendants of Jacob and of Joseph.**

L: When the waters saw you God, they were afraid,

**P: And the depths of the sea trembled.**

L: The clouds poured down rain;

**P: Thunder crashed from the sky, and lightning flashed in all directions.**

L: The crash of your thunder rolled out,

**P: And flashes of lightning lit up the whole world: the earth trembled and shook.**

L: You walked through the sea;

**P: You crossed the deep ocean but your footprints could not be seen.**

L: You led your people like a shepherd,

**P: With Moses and Aaron in charge of them.**

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son*

*and to the Holy Ghost;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now,*

*and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen*

SCRIPTURE READING *Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15*

PRAYERS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Edgecomb*

composed by Joseph Cough, Jr.

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise God, all creatures here below.*

*Praise God for all that love has done,*

*Creator, Christ and Spirit one.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN *God of Our Fathers*

#687 Blue Book

SERMON *Humble Today, Wise Tomorrow*

Aram Mitchell

\*CLOSING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory*

#436 NCH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jacob's Ladder*

Joseph Cough

*\* Please stand if you are able*

*Today's offering will be used to benefit the Boothbay Harbor Fuel Assistance Program. An Ice Cream Social will be served following the service downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Outdoor games are also available.*

**We remember in our prayers:** Adalyn Ray (great-granddaughter of Sandra Adams), the family of Pat Greene, Sammy Soule, Tom Boudin, Margaret Ellsworth, Don Gage, Poppy Truchon, Rose Young, Ron Leeman, the family of Amy Poole, Joe Dee, Kathleen Grigg, Jeff & Jeanne Sewall, the family of Carol Johnsen, the Betancourt family, and our neighbors at the Edgecomb Green.

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A Service of Worship to Honor  
The 250th Anniversary of the  
Town of Edgecomb

*"God is still speaking"*

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