

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SOUNDING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Today we gather in this sacred ark of remembering.

MANY: Let us remember who we are in this flood of forgetting.

ONE: Today we welcome aboard all the animals within us.

MANY: Let us be a safe home for each and every part of ourselves.

ONE: Today we're gonna find the eye of this storm, the great I-am within.

MANY: Let us see with clear eyes to that stillness at the center of the storm.

ONE: Today we begin again,

MANY: Let us love our way to God together.

OPENING HYMN *All Things Bright and Beautiful* #31

INVOKING THE HOLY

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

ONE: O God, Goddess, great mystery who is always right here and now,

MANY: Guide us into feeling your current flowing through us

ONE: Who *are* we, Beloved? Who are we ready to be?

MANY: There is no other way than in and through this moment of You.

ONE: Here we are, kind God, Goddess, ready to be transformed.

MANY: We are always transforming, always becoming new in You.

ONE: Give us the courage to ask for help, the grace to ask for mercy, the audacity to ask for love.

MANY: Every breath is your strength, every moment, your blessing.

ONE: We enter now this sanctuary of our unconditional belonging, our sanctity, our truth.

MANY: Grace us with the clarity to see and be ourselves in holy communion with you.

Silent confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING THE PEACE

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, it is now,
and ever shall be; world without end. Amen, amen.*

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Genesis 9: 12-17 (reader #1)
Genesis 9: 18-27 (reader #2)*

SERMON Rev. Andrew Forsthoefel

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Joe Cough

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: Beloved One, thank you for hearing us. Everything spoken, everything left unspoken, all of this is our prayer.

MANY: This is our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER | from *Matthew 6*

Note on language: When we pray to God as "Father" we are addressing the Creator in an intimate way, as a loving parent. There are many other names for God that you may choose to use in the spirit of this prayer. When we pray "thy kingdom come" we acknowledge that God's kingdom is an upside down kingdom that topples oppressive forces with power from below.

**Our Father/Mother which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*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 OF SENDING *De Colores*

#402

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (*Please remain seated*)

Joseph Cough

After the service, coffee hour is offered downstairs in the church vestry.

We remember in our prayers: Joline Allen, Stacy Colby Barnes, Rev. Larry Krewson, George Greene, Rose Young, Ron Leeman, Betancourt family, and our neighbors at the Edgecomb Green.

Acknowledgements: Except where otherwise noted, music in today's bulletin that is not in the public domain is reprinted/podcast/ streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-739201. All rights reserved.

Edgecomb Community Church

United Church of Christ

*"To bring together our communities in spirituality and loving service
to humankind."*



May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

"God is still speaking"



An Open and Affirming Congregation

15 Cross Point Road, P.O. Box 113, Edgecomb, ME 04556
www.edgecombchurch.org FB/EdgecombCongochurch

Phone: 207.882.4060

Pastor: Aram Mitchell

Guest: Rev. Andrew Forsthoefel

Church Coordinator: Marjorie DiVece

Pianist: Joseph Cough