

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SOUNDING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

Joseph Cough

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The light lingers long this time of year,

**MANY: so too does our gratitude, O God.**

ONE: As the fields grow lush with promise,

**MANY: so may our spirits grow in faith.**

ONE: As the gardens ripen toward harvest,

**MANY: so may our love ripen into action.**

ONE: As the tide rolls in and out, faithful and constant,

**MANY: so may we trust your steady presence.**

ONE: As the long days invite us to slow down and rest in the sun,

**MANY: so may we rest, unhurried, in the glow of your grace.**

ONE: As neighbors gather on porches and at the water's edge,

**MANY: so may we gather here, as one body, in your name.**

ONE: The light lingers long this time of year,

**MANY: We rejoice in your light and life, O God.**

WORSHIP IN SONG *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms* #471

INVOKING THE HOLY *I Love It Here* by Andrea Gibson

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION | from *Psalms* 32

ONE: Happy are those whose wrongs are forgiven, whose burdens have been lifted away.

**MANY: Blessed are we, O God, when your grace meets our brokenness.**

ONE: When we keep silent, our spirits grow weary,

**MANY: and our strength wastes away within us.**

ONE: So we will not hide our sin from you, O God.

**MANY: We will name our struggles and trust your mercy.**

ONE: You are our hiding place, our refuge in times of trouble,

**MANY: surrounding us with songs of deliverance.**

ONE: Teach us the way we should go, O God,

**MANY: and free us from stubborn hearts that resist your leading.**

*Silent confession*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of good faith, hear this: You need not strive. You need not worry. You need to suffer, or struggle, or fear. God loved you before you ever thought to ask. God's steadfast love surrounds all those who trust the gift of grace. Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey: Slow down, and receive the abundant love of God.

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 READING *Genesis* 32 George Malone et al

SERMON Pastor Aram Mitchell

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God... this is my prayer.

**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 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* #485

#### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (*Please remain seated*) Joseph Cough  
*After the service, coffee hour is offered downstairs in the church vestry.*

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

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday Lunch at noon – Quiche, Ice Cream Cake
- Aram's Office Hours Tuesday 10-noon.
- Bible Study at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 14 and 21.
- Mission Outreach Committee Meeting next Sunday, July 12 after church followed with time of ministry for those among us who might need a note or visit.
- Church Concert with *Kouchera* Sunday, July 19, 7 p.m. Posters available downstairs
- Faith and Family Night at Seadogs game Friday, July 31, 6 p.m. Group tickets are available with a 20-person minimum. Anyone interested please see Marjorie DiVece.

# Edgcomb Community Church

United Church of Christ

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



July 5, 2026

6th Sunday after Pentecost

*"God is still speaking"*



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