



August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Rev. Bob Nolan, Pastor
Walter Sage, Organist & Choir Director
Tanya Crowley, Office Administrator

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 50)**

One: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

Many: The world is ablaze around us with pain and suffering, natural disasters and human schemes, injustice and brokenness..

One Create again, O God of Fire; respond to the needs of your people and shepherd us to be good stewards of your creation.

Many: Let your Holy Fire meet the infernos that seek to consume us with refining and renewing power.

One: Redeem again, O God of hosts; ignite a flame within your kingdom that will spread as a wildfire of righteousness and love.

Many: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

***Opening Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" No. 297**

Invocation (unison)

God of Fire, we recognize the spark that you bring into our gathering. Let it ignite within us as we worship you in the company of siblings. We honor your power and remain in awe of your glory. Let it fall again as Spirit dwells among us. May the warmth of your presence give us courage for these days and the clarity of your light give us discernment toward a future with hope. Be pleased by our worship, Eternal God, and be glorified in our praise. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

No. 623

Scripture Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 (NRSVUE)

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,^[a] because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two;^[b] they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,^[c] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of ^[d] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sermon *“Surrounded by a Cloud of Witnesses”*
Pastor Bob

Anthem *“I May Never Pass This Way Again”* CBC Choir
(words & music by Murray Wizell & Irving Melsher)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Transforming One, forgive us for dampening your fire, even for our failure to recognize your movement among us. Help us to follow in the path of life abundantly for our neighbors and ourselves. Make us instruments of your kingdom as we encourage and uplift one another like iron sharpens iron. Surround us as a community of accountability and support to transform us in your image, character, and nature. We receive the gift of new grace, new mercies, and new life that you offer to us each day. Amen.

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer: Beloved, in Jeremiah 23:29, the Voice declares, “Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?” We may be assured of God’s power to break down in order to build back up. The brokenness we experience in life does not have the final word. For the redemptive love of God makes all things new and the healing grace of God restores and repairs. New life in Christ awaits us all this day and every day, as we pray in the words our savior gave us...

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Holy, Holy, Holy God, who provides, who gifts, and who refines. We offer these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. May they extend beyond the walls of our sanctuaries so that your name will be known through us. May they spark hope and joy to dispel despair and despondency. May needs be met and lives changed through our giving and our living. Receive these gifts as our tangible prayer that your kingdom come and will be done. Amen.

***Closing Hymn *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"* No. 380**

Benediction

Pastor Bob

Benediction Response "Spirit of the Living God" No. 247

Postlude

Pastor Bob

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.

Children may leave for Sunday school after the service's children's time.

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.

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

CBC OPPORTUNITIES

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 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Aug. 17

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Mission Task Force meeting

Monday, Aug. 18

- 1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga

Tuesday, Aug. 19

- 8:30 a.m. Exercise with us!

Thursday, Aug. 21

- 8:30 a.m. Exercise with us!
- 9:00 a.m. Christian Ed meeting

Sunday, Aug. 24

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

Monday, Aug. 25

- 1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga

Tuesday, Aug. 26

- 8:30 a.m. Exercise with us!
- 4:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social for Military Families @
Melrose School

Attendance on Sunday, August 10th

Worship Service: 35

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

Updated Church Directory

An electronic copy will be sent, and copies of our updated church directory are available in the church parlor.

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 **August**, the food pantry needs **Boxed cereal, oatmeal, canned baked beans and fruit cups**. Donations can be placed in the basket in the church parlor.

CBC PRAYERS

Jill asked for continued prayers for Cheryl, Butch, her friend Tina & Lauren Royster.

Pastor Bob asked for continued prayers for Ronnie upon the passing of his brother Lenny on Tuesday.

Also for Don Carlson's daughter Ella as she continues her great journey.

Continued prayers for Peggy's husband Alan as he recovers from his surgery & Arlene as she recuperates.

Mary Lou D asked for prayers for her son Chris. He will be having a medical procedure this week.

Duana asked for prayers for Morna's brother Ron. He just had 3 stints put in. Also for his wife who has dementia. And for her cousin Nancy & her daughter Sarah who was in the hospital.

Pam asked for prayers for our democracy.

Don Carlson asked for prayers for his in-laws. They are approaching the end of their lives & and he hopes they go home together.

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE

We have a fabulous new
CBC Website

We encourage everyone to take a
look at the new website and at the
amazing church family that
we are, great photos, active
calendar and a new uplifting profile.

Please go to:
CBCHURCHJTN.ORG



We no longer have a P.O. Box.

Please send mail to our street address:
99 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown, RI 02835

Thank you!

August Birthdays



Marilyn Rodriguez	Aug. 12 th
Mary Lou Taylor	Aug. 12 th
Ellen Greene	Aug. 12 th
Lynda King	Aug. 15 th
Matt Bolles	Aug. 25 th
Pastor Bob	Aug. 29 th

August Anniversaries



Walter & Janet Sage	Aug. 9 th
Donald & Barbara Haskell	Aug. 20 th

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

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

All Are welcome to purchase flowers if they 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. The flowers will be ordered through The Secret Garden; but you may choose to purchase your own flowers. We just ask you to please fill out the form so we can add it to the bulletin. Any questions, please contact the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE

Our church office hours: **Monday – Thursday 10a.m.-1p.m.**

For administrative needs please call the church office.

You may reach Tanya Crowley, administrative assistant, by calling the office at **423-1651**; email **cbctanya1@gmail.com**

For pastoral and emergency needs visit the pastor,

**Rev. Bob Nolan, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
10 a.m. - 2p.m.** or contact him by:

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

And put the contact info in your cell phone by scanning
Pastor Bob's QR Code:

<https://blinq.me/rBEICDP63vo4km28A7De?bs=db>





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