



**September 7, 2025**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



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

**Prelude**

Walter Sage

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (Inspired by Jeremiah 18 & Psalm 139)

One: We come into your house, Divine Potter. We are your clay.

**Many: We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works.  
Mold us again!**

One We bring our burdens and concerns, our hopes and dreams, our doubts and our delights.

**Many: We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works.  
Hold us in your sure and righteous hand!**

One We seek your wisdom. Reveal your direction and our path.

**Many: We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works.  
Rebuild and replant us!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*"Cleanse Me"*

**No. 439**

**Invocation (unison)**

**Sovereign God, you are the Potter who has fashioned us into being as a community. Dwell in our midst. Share your wisdom and open every point of receptivity within us. You are holy, gracious, and kind. As we gather, we recommit to accept the joys and the costs of discipleship. May you be glorified in our worship, and may we be transformed as we encounter you and your way anew this day. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**No. 623**

**Scripture****Jeremiah 18: 1-11****(NRSVUE)**

**18** The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup> The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

<sup>5</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup> Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup> but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup> And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup> but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup> Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

**Sermon***“Molding”*

Pastor Bob

**Anthem***“Zion's Walls”**CBC Choir*

adapted by Aaron Copland (1952), arranged by Glenn Koponen (1982), originally credited to John McCurry, from *The Social Harp* (1855)

*This revivalist song is part of a compilation, Old American Songs, by one of our most revered composers, Aaron Copland. It conveys his pioneering spirit with a message of our human desire for spiritual community.*

## **Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. We pray in the assurance that your mercy, O God, is available and near to us. And we also pray in hope that your mercy will release us from inaction, apathy, and overwhelm so that we may be your instruments of redemption, reparation, and restoration in the world. Forgive us, perhaps most of all, for simply seeking your mercy for the ills of the world rather than your miraculous power to rise in us to overcome them. Grant us grace to pray boldly with our words and our actions in your name.**

### **Sharing our Joys & Concerns**

Words of Grace

Pastor Bob

***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.***

### **Communion**

Introduction

Pastor Bob

Consecration

Pastor Bob

Receiving the Elements

### **Prayer**

**Through these shared rituals, we are shown what it is to be both whole and broken, and empty and full in order for us to embody the hope of abundant life in the presence of death and that we are not in this alone – that God came to help us better know what it is to be a healing community and a healed community. Amen.**

## **Offering & Offertory**

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor Bob

Offertory Meditation

Walter Sage

**\*Doxology**

**No. 625**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Generous God, receive our offerings and magnify them to propel the ministry of this church. May the community and the world benefit from our generous giving. In gratitude, we pray with our contributions. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**     *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*     **No. 1**

**Benediction**

Pastor Bob

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

**Postlude**

Walter Sage

## 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.

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](mailto: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](http://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, Sept. 7**

9:30 a.m.      Worship Service

10:30 a.m.      Coffee Hour

### **Monday, Sept. 8**

1:00 p.m.      Chair Yoga

### **Tuesday, Sept. 9**

8:30 a.m.      Exercise with us!

### **Thursday, Sept. 11**

8:30 a.m.      Exercise with us!

### **Sunday, Sept. 14—Welcome Sunday**

9:30 a.m.      Worship Service

10:30 a.m.      Coffee Hour

### **Monday, Sept. 15**

1:00 p.m.      Chair Yoga

### **Tuesday, Sept. 16**

8:30 a.m.      Exercise with us!

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### **Attendance on Sunday, August 31**

Worship Service: 41

## **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

## **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 **September**, the food pantry needs

**Pasta sauce, cans of soup and cans of fruit**

Donations can be placed in the basket in the church parlor.

## CBC PRAYERS

Marsha Brome said Rory the 3-month boy that we were praying for, had his heart surgery & it was successful.

Duana asked for prayers for Marshall. He is having dizzy episodes & his blood pressure is all over the place. Prayers that doctors can figure out the problem.

Jill asked for continued prayers for Cheryl, Butch & Lauren.

Marilyn Rodriguez asked for prayers for her ex-husband Dave. He is in failing health & now in a nursing home.

Ellen asked for prayers for her cousin Larry who will be having an MRI this week to determine if he has any liver damage. Also prayers for her friend Louise who has Lewy Body Dementia & is now under Hospice care.

Continued prayers for Arlene too.

### **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**





*Please join us for*  
**Welcome Sunday**  
**Sunday, Sept. 14**  
**9:30 a.m.**



**The Church at 4 Corners**  
**Jamestown's**  
**Central Baptist Church**  
**Home to a congregation of**  
**diverse religious backgrounds**



### **CBC Courier**

We will begin our monthly newsletter starting in October. The deadline for the October issue of our church newsletter is Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Please submit materials them to [cbctanya1@gmail.com](mailto:cbctanya1@gmail.com).

## **September Birthdays**



Cheryl Page

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

## **September Anniversaries**



Duana & Marshall Hodges    Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

Marsha & Fred Brome        Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

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

**We no longer have a P.O. Box.**

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

**Thank you!**

## 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](mailto:cbctanya1@gmail.com)**

For pastoral and emergency needs contact the pastor,

**Rev. Bob Nolan**

Email: **[nolan062400@gmail.com](mailto:nolan062400@gmail.com)**

Cell: **(401) 339-6134**

***Note: Pastor Bob will be on study leave this coming week.***

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

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





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