

THE OCEAN PARK TEMPLE ORDER OF WORSHIP



OCEAN PARK MAINE
146th SEASON
1881-2026

Summer Worship Theme: “Embrace Hope”
CHAUTAUQUA BY-THE-SEA
August 16, 2026

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**Mission Statement:** The purpose of the Ocean Park Association is to affirm the traditions and spiritual heritage of which we are heirs, through a summer assembly program where Christian worship, principles and ideals are at the focus; where diversity is celebrated and the dignity of all is embraced and respected; where the natural beauty of our seaside resort is conserved and enhanced; and where programs centered on religion, education, recreation and culture provide opportunities for individual growth and family enrichment.

## THE TEMPLE

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
2026, 10:00 AM

AUGUST 16,

THE PRELUDE

"Praise" from Suite Sunday

Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Scalise

Worship Leader Marci

### The Gathering

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Corinthians 13-8a)

Leader: God's Word tells us that love is patient and kind.

**People: It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.**

Leader: Love does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered.

**People: It keeps no record of wrongs. It does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.**

Leader: Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**People: Love never fails.**

\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (God Creator, Redeemer) 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, AMEN.

\*PASSING THE PEACE

### Praise and Prayer

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

tune: Marion

THE MORNING PRAYER

Jerry Gosselin

SPECIAL MUSICAL RESPONSE

Stained Glass Love

Marcus Hummon

### The Service of the Word

\*HYMN OF REFLECTION      Open My Eyes, that I May See      tune: Open My Eyes

THE SCRIPTURE READING      Matthew 15: 10-28      Rev. Vicki Keene

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind.<sup>[a]</sup> And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment. NSRVUE

THE SERMON      "Sacred Crumbs"      Rev. Becca Stevens

ANTHEM      Grant Unto Us Thy Peace O Lord      Mendelssohn

### **Offering and Thanksgiving**

THE OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY AND \*DOXOLOGY      Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart      arr: Anna Laura Page

### **The Sending**

\*CLOSING HYMN      I Am Thine, O Lord      tune: I am Thine

THE BENEDICTION

\*"Go in Peace"

Barber L. Waters Kenneth White

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always'.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate New Life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always'.

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

JESUS CHRIST

## 113 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks and sing;  
2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,  
3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.  
send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.  
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.

*Refrain*

Re - joice, Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.  
Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice,

WORDS: Edward H. Plumptre (1821-1891), alt.  
MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter (1834-1916)

MARION  
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## Open My Eyes, That I May See 480



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth you have for me;  
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth you send so clear;  
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;



place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - lock and set me free.  
 and while the mes - sage sounds in my ear, ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.  
 o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with your chil - dren thus to share.



Si - lent - ly now, on bend - ed knee, read - y I wait your will to see;



o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 o - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

## I Am Thine, O Lord

1 I am thine, O Lord—I have heard thy voice, and it told thy  
 2 Con - se - crate me now to thy serv - ice, Lord, by the power of  
 3 O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be - fore thy  
 4 There are depths of love that I can - not know till I cross the

love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith  
 grace di - vine; let my soul look up with a stead - fast hope  
 throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer and with thee, my God,  
 nar - row sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach

*Refrain*

and be clos - er drawn to thee.  
 and my will be lost in thine. Draw me near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord,  
 I com - mune as friend with friend. till I rest in peace with thee.

to the cross where thou hast died; draw me near - er, near - er,  
 near - er, bless - ed Lord, to thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

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**Greeters today are Pam Hawk and Lizzie Morrison *Thank you!***

**Today's flowers are given**

**In loving memory of John West by Sue, Steven & Peter West**

**In loving memory of Mark I Hamilton whose heart is here. By Sally Hamilton**

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Please note we are live streaming today via You Tube. If you have any concerns regarding this activity, please speak with an usher. You can tune in online at <https://youtube.com/live/z8yv30TCI74?feature=share>

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Music Staff: Ryan Rogers, Dan Evans, Audrey Cabral, Cathy Marker  
Videographer-Joshua Myatt

Meet the Preacher immediately after the service at the front of the Temple.

Fellowship Time following the service in the Grove between Porter Hall and the Temple.  
(In the event of rain, Fellowship Time will take place in Porter Hall)

Bell Choir Rehearsals: Sundays 8:00 am

Temple Brass Rehearsals: Sundays 9:00 am

Temple Choir Rehearsals: Saturdays 5:30 pm and Sundays 9:30 am

(Please see Ryan, Audrey or Dan for further information)

The Williams Sound System: This system aids the hearing impaired and is available from the ushers. It can be used in the Temple, while seated on the benches outside, or in a car.

## **Platform Guests**

### **Rev. Becca Stevens**

### **Preacher**

A survivor of childhood sexual abuse, Becca always longed to open a sanctuary for women survivors. In 1997, five women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction were welcomed into that home. Becca's first and flagship initiative, THISTLE FARMS, offers free, long-term housing, healing, and economic opportunity for women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. Over twenty-five years since its founding, it has grown to be a global movement for women's freedom and a \$13 million dollar organization. In addition to here in the US, she currently has programs in Ukraine, Mexico, Ecuador, Botswana, the UK and more.

### **Jerry Gosselin**

### **Prayer**

Jerry is a lifelong Mainer growing up in Biddeford. He earned his undergraduate degree in Psychology from Framingham State University, a Masters of Divinity and an MA in Pastoral Studies from St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada, and an MBA from Husson University. Jerry served as a Catholic priest for 17 ½ years throughout the State of Maine. After leaving ministry in 2003 he married Judy Gowell in 2005 and settled in Lewiston. Jerry returned to ministry by becoming the Executive Director of the Ocean Park Association in 2012. Among the many accomplishments over the next ten years (and with the help of many great employees and volunteers) he served as Worship Leader, helped navigate the organization by becoming the de facto "Clerk of the Works" for the Restore and Renew Capital Campaign, leading a reimagined summer program during the Covid-19 pandemic, and rebuilding after the Halloween Storm in 2021. Jerry and Judy now reside in Scarborough with their Golden Retriever Murphy (the best boy) who, truth be told, runs the show.

### **Rev. Vicki Keene**

### **Scripture**

Vicki Keene is a retired, ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and has served churches in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Vicki married into Ocean Park over 50 years ago and has served on numerous OPA committees. The Keenes live year-round in Ocean Park and are members of First Parish Congregational Church in Saco.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Historical Room in Porter Hall is open after the service this morning.

**SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION THIS WEEK WITH Rev. Becca Stevens on Monday in Porter Hall beginning at 9:00 am**