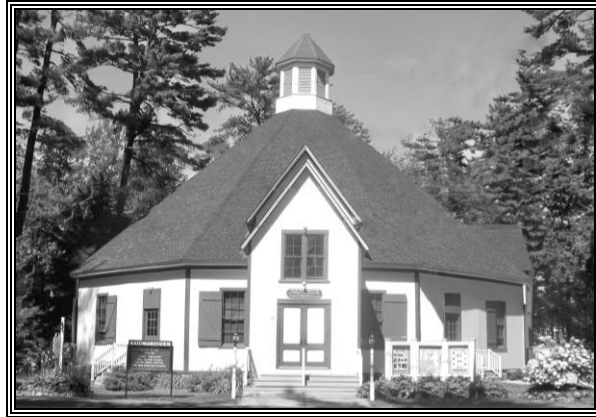


THE OCEAN PARK TEMPLE ORDER OF WORSHIP



OCEAN PARK MAINE
146th SEASON
1881-2026

Summer Worship Theme: “Embrace Hope”
CHAUTAUQUA BY-THE-SEA
August 23, 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

AUGUST 23, 2026, 10:00 AM

THE PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Chaloner

## The Gathering

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: At the threshold of a new week, we pause for the holy work of worship.  
Together we testify....

**All: to the persistence of hope.**

One: As pilgrims and prodigals, heretics and holy ones, however this morning finds us,  
together we testify....

**All: to the persistence of hope.**

One: As one body, broken and blessed, poured out yet utterly whole, together we  
testify...

**All: to the persistence of hope.**

### \*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 OF THE PEACE

## Praise and Prayer

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Tune: Nettleton

THE MORNING PRAYER

Jim Chaloner

CHORAL RESPONSE

Spirit of Gentleness

tune: Spirit

## **The Service of the Word**

\*HYMN OF REFLECTION

Be Thou my Vision

tune: Slane

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:22-28

Linda Lauritano

*We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in<sup>[a]</sup> hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes<sup>[b]</sup> with groanings too deep for words. And God,<sup>[c]</sup> who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit<sup>[d]</sup> intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together<sup>[e]</sup> for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. -NRSVUE*

THE SERMON

“Stirrings of Hope”

Rev. Genevieve Hosterman

ANTHEM

Bright Canaan

Robert Shaw

## **Offering and Thanksgiving**

THE OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY & \*DOXOLOGY

Steal Away

Hogan

## **The Sending**

\*CLOSING HYMN

This is a Day of New Beginnings

tune: Beginnings

THE BENEDICTION

\*“Go in Peace”

Barber L. Waters and Kenneth E. 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 alway’.  
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate New Life!  
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you alway’.

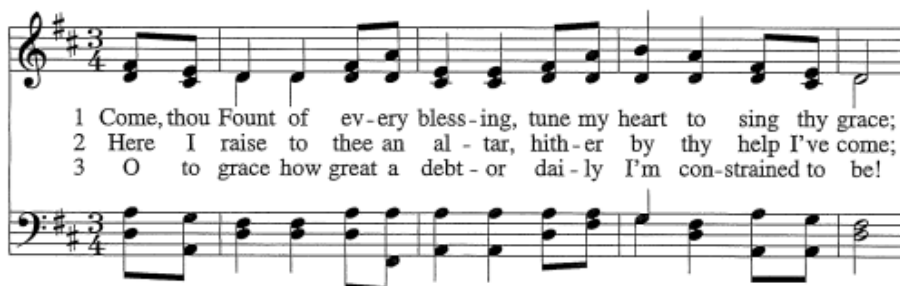
THE POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Temple Brass

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

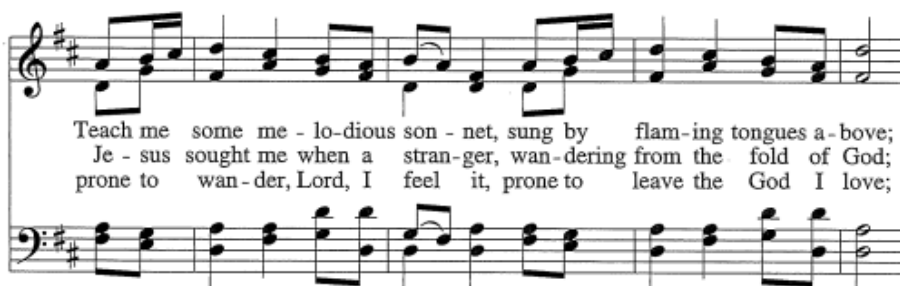
## 68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



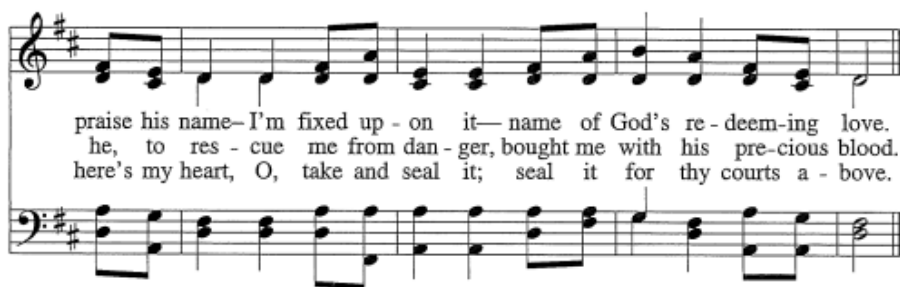
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise to thee an al-tar, hith-er by thy help I've come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.  
 Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee;



Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
 prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise his name—I'm fixed up-on it—name of God's re-deem-ing love.  
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

# Be Thou My Vision

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1 Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word,  
 3 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.  
 still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## 355 This Is a Day of New Beginnings

*Unison*

1 This is a day of new be - gin-nings, time to re - mem - ber  
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, love's might-y Spir - it,  
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the past and  
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and share what  
 \*4 In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble to taste and share what

and move on, time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,  
 now as then, can make for us a world of dif - ference,  
 leave be - hind, our dis - ap - point - ment, and griev - ing,  
 love can do. This is a day of new be - gin-nings;  
 love can do. This is a day of new be - gin-nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
 our God is mak - ing all things new.  
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**Greeters today are David Marchant and Anne Parsons Marchant *Thank you!***

**Today's flowers are in loving memory of our parents, Patricia and Roland Jalbert, and in gratitude for the joy they found in music, friendships, traditions, and cherished memories they shared here. Given with love by the Pearson and Ornell families.**

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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/2ICOKymQF90?feature=share>

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Music Staff: Ryan Rogers, Dan Evans, Audrey Cabral. Cathy Marker

Head Usher: Pamela Savage

Sound Engineer: Jesse Grace; 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 8:30 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. Genna Hosterman

### Preacher

Rev. Hosterman is a writer, speaker, and progressive Christian pastor who is passionate about helping people to hear the revolutionary word of the Bible with modern ears. She is currently serving as the Associate Pastor at South Church in Andover, MA where she oversees the community's work of justice and joy.

### Rev. Jim Chaloner

### Prayer

Rev. Jim Chaloner retired from active ministry on February 2nd, 2025. Jim served as Senior Pastor at the First Church of Nashua, NH for 39 years. He graduated from Bangor Theological Seminary in 1979. He and his wife Lisa are active members of the Ocean Park family.

### Linda Lauritano

### Scripture

Linda is currently in her 2nd year as the President of the Ocean Park Association and is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Ocean Parker. She and Mark spend summers on Mass. Ave in the cottage that Linda's dad built in the early 1960's. Linda has been involved in Ocean Park committee work since the early 1990's. She is a retired Software Program Manager. She and Mark are the proud parents of 3 sons and 2 grandsons and look forward to many more family gatherings in Ocean Park in the years ahead.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS WITH Rev. Hosterman are on Wednesday & Thursday at 7:00 PM in Porter Hall**



Tell us how we are doing! We would love your feedback on your experience in Ocean Park! SCAN this QR code with your phone's camera. CLICK the yellow link to get to our feedback form. SHARE your thoughts-everyone's feedback is welcome!