

THE OCEAN PARK TEMPLE ORDER OF WORSHIP



OCEAN PARK MAINE
146th SEASON
1881-2026

Summer Worship Theme: “Embrace Hope”
CHAUTAUQUA BY-THE-SEA
August 9, 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 9,

THE PRELUDE

*Prelude No 1*

*George Gershwin*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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Worship Leader: Rev Steve

### The Gathering

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 136:1-9)

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. Give thanks to the God of gods.

**All: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, to him who alone does great wonders.

**All: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

One: to him who by understanding made the heavens, to him who spread out the earth above the waters,

**All: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

One: to him who made the great lights, the sun to rule over the day, the moon and stars to rule over the night.

**All: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

\*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

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*tune: Royal Oak*

THE MORNING PRAYER

Julie Sinclair

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

### The Service of the Word

\*HYMN OF REFLECTION

*Jesus Keep me Near the Cross*

*tune: Near the Cross*

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-13

Judy Haley

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." Bring forth the people who are blind yet have eyes, who are deaf yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together,

and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true." You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. I am the one who declared and saved and proclaimed, not some strange god among you; you are my witnesses, says the LORD, and I am God. Indeed, since that day I am he; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can hinder it? -NRSVUE

THE SERMON

**"Great I's"**

Rev. Dr. Alfred Fletcher

ANTHEM

*With a Voice of Singing*

*Martin Shaw*

**Offering and Thanksgiving**

THE OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY & \*DOXOLOGY

Immortal, Invisible / Arr: Littleton

Bell Choir

**The Sending**

\*CLOSING HYMN

Here I am, Lord

*tune: Here I am*

THE BENEDICTION

\*"Go in Peace"

Barber L. Waters & 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 always'.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate New Life!

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

THE POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Temple Brass and Organ

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



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## Near the Cross

F Bb/F F C7 Dm Bb F F/C C

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

F Bb/F F C7 Dm Bb F/C C C7 F

free to all, a heal - ing stream, flows from Cal - vary's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star, sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*

F Bb F Bb/F F F/C C

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er,

F Gm/F F A7/E Dm Bb F/C C C7 F

till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

# Here I Am, Lord

## Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the  
 They turn a - way. I will break their  
 My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

## Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.





**Greeters today are Michael and Samuel Robles. *Thank you!***

**Today's flowers are given**

**In loving memory of John, Priscilla & Jack Clifton by the Tardif Family.**

**In loving memory of Duncan Pattison from his family.**

**Given by Jean & Bill Holt to celebrate their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary.**

**In loving memory of our cousins Freddy & Jeremy Simpson by the Robles family.**

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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  
<https://youtube.com/live/ic61pbyTiXo?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 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.

Hover your phone's camera over the QR code below to donate electronically to our Sunday plate!  
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## **Platform Guests**

### **Rev. Dr. Alfred Fletcher**

### **Preacher**

The Rev. Dr. Alfred J. Fletcher is the Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Maine. He began this ministry in January 2000. He also currently serves as President of the Regional Executive Ministers Council of American Baptist Churches, USA (ABCUSA). In 2016 he began a 13-month service as Acting Associate General Secretary for Mission Resource Development (MRD) of ABCUSA. Prior to serving as Executive Minister in Maine, Fletcher served 10 years as the Senior Pastor of the West Falmouth Baptist Church in Maine. He also served 8 years in two churches in Massachusetts. Fletcher received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheaton College, and his Master of Divinity, Master of Religious Education and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Gordon-Conwell Seminary, South Hamilton, Mass. He lives in China, Maine, with his wife, Norma. They have four adult children and six grandchildren.

### **Julie Sinclair**

### **Prayer**

Born in Newport, Oregon and raised in Vancouver, Washington. Julie is a graduate of Seattle Pacific University in general and special education K-12. From the King's County, Washington State Recreation Department, Julie was called to work at Grotonwood in Groton, Massachusetts. A year later she came to Ocean Park as the Director of Oceanwood, and has been part of the American Baptist Family for many years, which included involvement in the New England Baptist Youth Conference, now known as the Christian Youth Conference, and Youth Leader Core. A mutual friend, Barry Jackman, introduced her to Jim Sinclair. Julie and Jim married in 1984 and they celebrate their three adult children, Alexander, Andrew and Siera; and their three granddaughters they share with Steve and Debbie Youd- Sandy, Winnie, and Millie. Recently retired from a career supporting parents and professionals and the children with special needs they support. She taught on special ed law and process with a focus on the Individual Education Program. Now she enjoys time with family, hand knitting, quilting, and baking bread. No brief biography of Julie would be complete without mentioning how much she cherishes her dear friends here in Ocean Park.

### **Judy Haley**

### **Scripture**

A graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, Judy Haley worked in education throughout her career. She served as the director of adult education at First Parish Church in Manchester-by-the-Sea, taught Latin at Lowell Catholic High School, New Testament at Andover Newton and ancient Greek at Harvard Divinity School. She and her husband Richard live in Lowell, MA. They are grateful whenever they can enjoy their cottage in Ocean Park--whether teeming with kids, grandkids, friends and dogs or quiet with surf song, frog chant and the turning of pages.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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