

Welcome to
Mendham United Methodist Church

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10 East Main Street, Mendham, NJ 07945

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, August 23rd, 2026



Christ gives the keys of the kingdom to Peter, Thorvaldsen, Bertel, 1770-1844, ca. 1817-1818,
Drawing, Denmark, Copenhagen, Thorvaldsens Museum

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10:00AM, August 23rd, 2026

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Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Amid the forces of death and destruction,

it takes a village to save us.

Amid the rivers that would carry us out to sea,

it takes willing souls to pull us from the water..

Amid the fear and hatred in our world,

it takes ordinary people to reveal God's mercy.

Come, let us worship .

*HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness ”

UMH # 140

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

UMH # 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting .

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER Unison

**Gracious God, we present our very lives
as holy and living sacrifices to your purposes.
During this time of worship,
we seek the renewal of our minds
and the strengthening of our spirits.
Show us your will,
that we may know what is good, acceptable,
and perfect in your sight. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

**Merciful God, wash away the injuries
we have inflicted upon one another.
We long to replace our bitterness in word and deed
with acts of grace and mercy.
We yearn to replace our willful neglect of others
with acts of support and grace.
We desire to walk in your path of joy and compassion,
that we may bathe in the waters
of your healing love. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Thanks be to God who rescues us from our foes.
Thanks be to Christ who saves us from forces
that would be our undoing.
In God's loving spirit, we are set free
and made whole again.
Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 2:1-4 & Matthew 16:13-19 (NRSV)

1 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.

2 The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby,
she hid him three months.

- 3** When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.
- 4** His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.
- 13** Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”
- 14** And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”
- 15** He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”
- 16** Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”
- 17** And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.
- 18** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.
- 19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

MESSAGE

“Christians in the Tevah”

Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD Unison

God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer.

As your men of old heeded the cries

of suffering and injustice in their day,

**help us heed the cries of suffering and injustice
in our world today.**

As you moved the hearts of women of old,

to save those in peril from the wicked,

**move our hearts to save the weak
who cannot help themselves today.**

Bind us together into a village of love and support,

that we might save your children

from death and destruction. Amen.

HYMN*

“God Will Take Care of You (Nunca desmayes)”

UMH # 130

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH # 895

**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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH # 95

*Prayer of OFFERING Unison

**Loving God, accept our gifts
as signs of our commitment
to build your realm in our midst.
Accept our very lives
as pledges of our commitment
to pursue what is good, acceptable, and perfect in your sight.
May these gifts become resources
to draw the endangered from the waters of death,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN “The Church's One Foundation” UMH # 545

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man-i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

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FAITHFULNESS

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God Will Take Care of You

1. Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
 2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
 3. All you may need he will pro-vide, God will take care of you;
 4. No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

be-neath his wings of love a-bide, God will take care of you.
 when dan-gers fierce your path as-sail, God will take care of you.
 noth-ing you ask will be de-nied, God will take care of you.
 lean, wea-ry one, up-on his breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through ev-ery day, o'er all the way;

he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

545 The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.