

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship (Exodus 20 and Mark 12)

Leader: God has called us to worship God only.

People: We come with grateful hearts to love and honor our God.

L: Jesus reminds us: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength."

P: We will love the Lord with all that we are.

L: God has given us commandments to guide our lives and our relationships.

P: We will listen to God's Word and seek to follow God's ways.

L: Jesus says, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

P: May God's love fill our hearts and flow through our lives.

ALL: Come, let us worship the God who loves us, guides us, and calls us to love. Alleluia!

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Opening Prayer

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession (Exodus 20 and Mark 12)

Leader: Let us be in the Spirit of prayer... Gracious and loving God, You have called us to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Yet we confess that we do not always put You first.

People: Forgive us when we allow other things to become more important than You.

L: Forgive us when we give our time, attention, and energy to the things of this world while neglecting our relationship with You.

P: Forgive us when our words do not honor Your name, when we forget to make time for worship and prayer, and when we trust ourselves more than we trust You.

L: Lord, we also confess that we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have been impatient, judgmental, selfish, and unforgiving.

P: Teach us again what it means to love You. Turn our hearts toward You.

L: Help us to follow Your commandments not simply as rules, but as a response to Your great love for us.

ALL: Fill us with Your Spirit, so that our love for You may overflow into love for others. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news: God does not ask us to love God perfectly before He loves us. God loved us first and, through Jesus Christ, offers us forgiveness and new life.

P: When we fall short, God's grace meets us with mercy. When we wander, God calls us home.

L: When we fail to love as we should, God gives us another opportunity to love. So, receive God's forgiveness today. Let go of guilt and shame, and remember that in Christ you are forgiven, renewed, and loved. Go forward with grateful hearts, loving God with all that you are and loving your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

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Sermon:	<i>The Command to Love</i>	

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Benediction

<i>Lay Readers</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>
<i>John Schoenherr 8:30am</i>	<i>Laura Melix</i>
<i>Cindy Ninesling 10:00am</i>	<i>Susan Harvey</i>

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium. If this is your first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

Church Happenings

Holiday Fair Sugar Cookie Christmas Saturday, November 21

Donate items for the gift baskets

We need fudge, hot fudge sauce, chocolate treats - anything chocolate! Simple recipes are available if you need ideas.

Decorative jars of M&M's or gourmet chocolate baskets.

Gift Baskets- Several gift baskets are in already; Dog Basket, Movie basket, Hello Kitty basket, Nutcracker basket, Centerville Chicken Pie Gift Card Basket and A Day on Nantucket basket. We are ready for your donation! Please remember, we can wrap your gift basket for you—all you need to do is supply the items! Donations can be dropped off at the Annex on Tuesday mornings from 9am-Noon, or in the Church office during office hours. Questions? Contact Kathy Silvia at 508-400-2964 or Cindy Frazier at 518-791-4063.

Food Pantry

Starting in October, we are collecting cranberry sauce and stuffing. October birthdays are posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office as well as in the Tidings.

If you would like to read our weekly church newsletter, go to our website www.ostervillechurch.com click "sign up" for weekly emails. Submit your email and you will be subscribed.

The Harvest Dinner is Nov 7th at 6pm-Tickets are for sale. Our next Church Council meeting is on Tuesday October 13th at 7pm in the Solarium and through Zoom.

Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am

Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!

Rainbow's End Thrift Store open Wed -Sat 10:30 AM to 3 PM

All are encouraged to take part in our Secret Prayer Pal Ministry

Apple Picking @ Crows Farm-TODAY- after the 10am Service-All are welcome to join!

SAVE THE DATE—Our Annual Charge Conference will be on November 1st at 2:30pm in South Yarmouth. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



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Mark 12:29-31

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026

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