

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

September 7, 202510:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

CHIMES
PRELUDE “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” Charles Callahan
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison
INTROIT “Come, Let Us Eat” Billema Kwillia

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Come, beloved of God, leave behind the ways of pride and harshness.
People: We come seeking God’s mercy and a spirit of gentleness.
Leader: Lay down the habits of selfishness, arrogance, and indifference.
People: We long to be clothed in kindness, patience, and love.
Leader: Lift up your hearts to the One who renews and restores.
People: We lift them to the Lord, who makes all things new.
Leader: Come, let us walk in the way of Christ.
People: We come to worship the God of grace and compassion!

*HYMN “O Day of Rest and Gladness” No. 393
CALL TO RENEWAL (Liturgist Only) Ellen Gove
And so we live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose Image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that Image as we make our confession before God and each other.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (In Unison) Ellen Gove
Merciful God, we confess that too often we live with closed hearts. We put ourselves first, we speak harshly, we ignore the needs of others, and we cling to pride instead of humility.
Forgive us, Lord. Clothe us with compassion, teach us the strength of gentleness, and shape us in the likeness of Christ.
Renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in kindness, speak with grace, and love as we have been loved. In Christ's name, Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS Ellen Gove
As far as the east is from the west, so have our sins been separated from us. They have been thrown into the sea of forgetfulness, and there, they are remembered no more.
Our thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen and Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. And also with you.
Let us greet each other with the peace of Christ.

OFFERTORY “Gather Us In” John A. Behnke

*DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR CHRIST’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:38-48
RESPONSE May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart,
be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Ps. 19:14)
Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Diagnosis: Total Jerk Syndrome?” Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison
ANTHEM “Let Us Break Bread Together” African American Spiritual,
arr. Melva Wilson Costen

WE RESPOND TO CHRIST’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN CHRIST’S NAME

*HYMN “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation” No. 503
*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison
CHORAL BENEDICTION “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Jamaican Folk Song
Fred Kaan/Doreen Potter
POSTLUDE “I Danced in the Morning” Shaker Song, Wilbur Held

* Please stand, if able

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist – Ellen Gove

Usher – Laura Nelsen

Coffee Hour – Heather Reylek & Rachel Brigham

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Those affected by natural disasters and ongoing wars; Peter C. Jackson; Blanca Campbell and Jim Nina; Jill Tuttle Albiani; Barry and Benetta Taylor; Rev. John Moore; Maria Wippick; Jim Preston; Kathy Zarchin; Teri Brennan; Carol Taplin; Andrew Ogar; Barbara Preston; For the peace and comfort for the family and friends of Linda Bonaccorso
We will gladly list names of any individuals in need of prayer. You may share names by turning in a note from the pew or by emailing the church office prior to Thursday a.m.

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This Week

Sept. 8 th	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
Sept. 9 th	Food Pantry	4:00-6:00
Sept. 10 th	Meals on Wheels	7:00-11:00
Sept. 11 th	Bible Study	10:00
Sept. 12 th	Nutrition Program Food Pantry	7:00-1:00 10:00-1:00

Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

September 7th, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Communion



Shelter Island Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:

“We envision the Shelter Island Presbyterian Church as a spiritual heart of our small island community -- a congregation that keeps its doors open to all and offers service and support to friends, neighbors, and visitors from beyond our shores. We will encourage the spiritual growth of our church's people in Jesus Christ through worship, service to others, stewardship, study and fellowship with one another. We will work to increase our spiritual engagement with youth, young families and our growing senior population. Inspired by God's Word, we look forward to our future with faith and confidence in God's purpose for us. AS WE BELIEVE, SO WE DO.”

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