

Order of Worship for Sunday, June 28, 2026

Prelude Diane Dexter

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Krysia Burnham

Call to Worship (Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21; Romans 14: 1-12)

Leader: No one is an island.
We are all joined in Christ Jesus.

Congregation: Who else is like you, loving God?
Who is like you: beautiful in holiness, awesome in all you do for us?

Leader: No one lives by themselves,
no one dies by themselves.
Whether we live or die
we are the Lord's.

Congregation: The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has
become my salvation.

Hymn 519 "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"

Prayer of Transformation and New Life (unison)

God of the Covenant, in you, we have new life. In you, we have a faithful companion. Yet difficult moments confront us with the limits of our trust in you. We struggle to release control so that we might participate fully in your plan without fear, hesitation, or resistance. Help us, O God, to trust you even through the tests and trials of life. May we know the assurance and peace of your eternal love. Amen.

Words of Grace

The Holy One loves you and has made you participants in an everlasting covenant. God will not abandon you in despair or deprivation. Rather, the one who creates also sustains. We have a friend indeed in Jesus, we have the Holy Spirit to guide us, and we have an ever-present God who is always with us. Receive now the blessing of grace you richly deserve, created in God's image and sealed in God's Love.

Prayer for Illumination

Opening God's Word

Psalm 139
John 11: 17-44

Sermon: "Friendship Revealing God's Grace" Dr. Lynn A. Cooper

Offertory Music Community of Christ Diane Dexter

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, may the gifts we bring provide for our community and neighbors on this island and beyond. We thank you for the gift of your presence that is there for us everywhere we go, from the depths of the sea to the wings of the morning. Bless our time, talent, and treasure for your glory and your kingdom. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 474 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Benediction

Postlude

Dr. Lynn A. Cooper

In *Embracing Our Time*, university chaplain Lynn Cooper provides practical resources for interfaith engagement rooted in a Christian perspective. She empowers lay folks to be conscientious interfaith leaders within their communities and congregations, not because they are experts in their tradition, but because the Christian call to friendship across and within difference is at the heart of what it means to follow Jesus.

Lynn Cooper is the Sr. Associate University Chaplain at Tufts University. She holds a Doctor of Ministry from Boston University School of Theology and an M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School. Working in a multifaith chaplaincy context in higher education has been one of the great gifts of her life. At Tufts, she runs an interfaith friendship for students, faculty, and staff, facilitates the interfaith student council, and directs an intergenerational oral history that magnifies the wisdom and stories of lay folks. Lynn's first book, *Embracing Our Time: The Sacrament of Interfaith Friendship*, came out in May 2025 from Fortress Press.

Church Calendar



FISHERS ISLAND UNION CHAPEL

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Welcome

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