



**THE MARGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 8900 Ventnor Avenue  
 Margate, New Jersey 08402

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**10 O'clock in the Morning August 9, 2026**

*"But don't just listen to God's Word. You must do what it says.  
 Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves." ~ James 1:22*

*Please silence cell phones.*

#### **The Prelude**

#### **The Words of Welcome and Announcements**

*Awarding of the Wiznat/LaFave Scholarships:*

*Justin Gooden*

*Kal Heyman*

*Sadie Heyman*

*Gillian Lovett*

*Emma Karver*

*Margot Swift*

*Thorne Swift*

*Mary Wagner*

**Betty Nathanson**

**Sonya Bertini**

**Lynda Donovan**

#### **The Introit**

#### **The Call to Worship**

**Barbara Giorgio**

**Leader:** Every good and perfect gift comes to us from God.

**People:** *We thank God for the beauty of creation.*

**Leader:** We thank God for loving families and encouraging friends.

**People:** *We thank God for meaningful work and purposeful activities.*

**Leader:** We thank God for the variety of talents within the people of God.

**People:** *We thank God for calling us into God's own family.*

**Leader:** For all these things and more we praise our God.

**All:** *Let us worship God!*

*\* Indicates standing for those who are able*

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**INTERDENOMINATIONAL - ECUMENICAL**  
**"A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE"**  
 8900 Ventnor Avenue, Margate, NJ 08402

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday; 9 am-3 pm**  
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*Founded in 1929, MCC is an interdenominational congregation with membership in the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ. Through these affiliations our church participates in a seniors residence at 610 N. Fredericksburg Avenue and is a Covenant church with Habitat for Humanity. We are lifetime members of the Holocaust Resource Center, Stockton University.*

Reverend Victoria Ney, Pastor

Rob Tucker, Director of Music

Colin Walker, Pianist

Carmella Marcheski, Administrative Assistant

Betty Nathanson, Director of Christian Education

Luis Meneses, Sexton

Michelle Cook-Stewart, Soprano Soloist

**Visit our website for current news and information:**  
[www.margatecommunitychurch.com](http://www.margatecommunitychurch.com)

*Our Greeters this week 8/9/26*

*Bill & Jean Mohan*

#### **Deacons' August Communion Offering**

Our July Deacons' Communion Offering is designated for  
**Hope for Liberia.**

Please be generous in supporting the Deacons as they support  
 those in need.

## ✠ PRAYER LIST ✠

SAY A PRAYER

SEND A CARD

### NURSING/CONVALESCENT HOME/REHAB FACILITY

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Lois "Jean" Ponteri                      C/O Villa Raffaella  
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Pleasantville, NJ 08232

AT HOME  
David McCann                      Kay Lee                      Ken Heck

### Prayer Requests

*We are happy to include names of hospitalized persons or others with special concerns in the liturgy of prayer each Sunday. If you wish to have a name included, please provide us with a first name, the length of time requested to be on our prayer list, and the name of the person requesting the prayer. Thank you.*

Hymn: # 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vs. 1, 3, 4)

### The Prayer (Unison)

*We thank you, O God, for all the gifts you have given us that empower us to live life more fully than we otherwise could have imagined. You are the source for all we need. Your words enrich our souls and fill us with joy and peace. We pray that the words we hear this day will nourish and strengthen us to do your work in the world. Amen.*

### Time With the Children

### Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

Romans 8:35, 37-39 (NLT)

*Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loves us.*

*And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/trespas)

*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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### The Offering

Anthem: On Eagles Wings

Michelle Cook-Stewart

### \*The 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*



## Scripture Lesson

**Luke 10:25-37 (NLT)**

One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?"

The man answered, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

"Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!"

"The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road, and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

"Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked.

The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

**This is the Word of the Lord**

**People: Thanks be to God**

**The Sermon: Just Do It!**

**Reverend Vicky Ney**

**\*The Hymn: # 664 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

## The Benediction

## The Benediction Response

## The Postlude

**Colin Walker**

~ **THIS WEEK AT MCC** ~

## Wiznat ~ Lafave Scholarship Awards

*Today Sunday August 9, during worship Sanctuary*

## Hope SNJ

*Monday August 10, 4:00 pm Parlor*

## Nursery School Board Meeting

*Tuesday August 11, 11:30 Parlor*

## Scaltrito/Stolfo Wedding

*Saturday August 15, 4:00 pm*

## Relaxed Sunday Service and Dedication

*Sunday August 16, 10:00 am Fellowship Hall*

## OCMC Dance Night

*Sunday August 16, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall*

~ **UPCOMING EVENTS**~

## Hope SNJ

*Monday August 17, 4:00 pm Parlor*

## Recorder Group

*Tuesday August 18, 3:30 pm Sanctuary*

## Chancel Choir

*Wednesday August 19, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall*

## Men's Breakfast

*Thursday August 20, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall*



## Church Directory Update

The new church directory is almost complete.

We need you to check your picture and information before we make some printed copies. If you would like to have a printed version, rather than the one online, please call the office and let them know so that we will order enough copies.

If your profile is missing a photo, we'd love for you to upload one so everyone can put a face to the name.

<https://www.margatecommunitychurch.com/>

### **How to Access the Directory:**

Website: Visit [margatecommunitychurch.com](https://www.margatecommunitychurch.com/) and look for the link in the top right-hand menu.

- ♦ Getting Started: To log in, simply enter the email address we have on file for you.
- ♦ If your email isn't recognized or needs to be updated, please reach out to Greg Walters at:  
[gregswalt@gmail.com](mailto:gregswalt@gmail.com).
- ♦ Once you enter your email, follow the on-screen prompts to create your login and secure your account. The online directory syncs in real-time, so you will always have access to the most up-to-date member information.

For any questions, feel free to contact Greg at the email address above.

### **For those livestreaming:**

A special welcome to everyone streaming with us today! To help you engage with the service from home, you can now find our weekly Sunday bulletin directly on our website. It's a great way to stay connected and follow along with the liturgy and announcements.