

ANNOUNCEMENTS
September 6, 2026

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, 1:30 pm: Thursday Bible study** will meet this week studying Ecclesiastes.
- **Thursday, 6:00 pm: American Heritage Girls first info meeting**
- **Saturday, 8:30 am: Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

UPCOMING

- **COPC hosts American Heritage Girls and Trail Life**, meeting Thursday evenings on alternate weeks for boys and girls ages 5-18. AHG and Trail Life are scouting-type organizations designed to bless Central Vermont Christian youth in faith, fellowship, and healthy, growing experiences. For questions and info, contact Dan Bair, Olivia Durham, Lucinda Newman, or Pastor Carl.
- **Sunday, September 13, 9:30 am: Fall Sunday School starts.** The Adult class will be alternating teaching from the book *The Wells of Salvation: Meditations on Isaiah*, by Charles and Norma Ellis, and Dr. Selle's book, *Make Smart Choices*. Children's classes ages 3-16 will be using Great Commission Publication's graded material.
- **Sunday, September 13, 10:30 am: - Worship and Communion** All who have publicly professed their faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord at a Bible-believing church and have been baptized are welcome to the Lord's Table; the Diaconal offering will be received in the designated envelopes during morning worship.
- Monday- Tuesday, **October 19-20 Presbytery of NY and New England**, here at COPC. Please see the insert.

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LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP
September 6, 2026



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude

Salutation & Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:10-12 (p 1203)

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

* Opening Hymn

Lord of The Sabbath, Hear Our Prayer
390 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-4, 6)

1 Lord of the Sabbath, hear us pray, in this your house, on this your day;
and own, as grateful sacrifice, the songs which from your temple rise.
2 Now met to pray and bless your name, whose mercies flow each day the same,
whose kind compassions never cease, we seek instruction, pardon, peace.
3 Your earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love, but there's a nobler rest above;
to that our lab'ring souls aspire with ardent hope and strong desire.
4 In thy blest kingdom we shall be from ev'ry mortal trouble free;
no sighs shall mingle with the songs Resounding from immortal tongues;
6 O long-expected day, begin, dawn on these realms of woe and sin!
Break, morn of God, upon our eyes; and let the world's true Sun arise! **

Invocation & God's Law

Nahum 1:1-6 (p 930 pew Bible)

Psalm of Confession

Psalm 130 (p 614 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon

Nahum 1:7-8 (p 930 pew Bible)

We Confess Our Faith

Confession of Faith XI.I (p 855 Trinity hymnal)

Congregational Prayer

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures Nahum 1:7 (p 930 pew Bible)

Mark 4:35-41 (p 998 pew Bible)

Sermon What a Relief To Be Found Safe When The Waters Rise

Prayer of Application

*** Closing Hymn** *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*
601 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
chart and compass come from thee: Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

2 As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boist'rous waves obey thy will when thou say'st to them, "Be still."
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3 When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar
'twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy breast,
may I hear thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee." **

*** Benediction**

*Please stand if able

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What a Relief To Be Found Safe When The Waters Rise

Nahum 1:7 & Mark 4:35-41

Review - “The Lion of Judah Roars” in all the minor prophets - Against A Church of Broken Down Morals (Hosea 4:1-2; Amos 6:4-6; Micah 2:1-3 & James 5:1-6)

1) But Also Against A World That Would Plunder The Blessings of Faith (Nahum 3:1-7)

2) For Such The End Has No Sympathy (Nahum 3:7 & Rev 18:1-3 & 18:9-24)

CONCLUSION - Jesus falls asleep in the boat in His tireless labor as Savior: so much so that in Mark 4:36 the disciples have to rescue Him from the crowds, taking Him in the boat “just as He was,” that is, without food, drink or any preparation. Behold the cost of salvation as Christ sleeps in the back of the boat.

The everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who never becomes weary (Isa. 40:28), the Keeper of Israel who never sleeps (Psa. 121:3), experienced both as the man Jesus. His 1st hand experience of human weakness and limitations should be a source of endless encouragement to those who rely on Him (Heb 2:17-18). *Let’s Study Luke*, Douglas Milne

But Christ’s exhausted sleep had not one iota of the despair which often drives us to our beds. It is Jesus’ faith and poise in the face of the threat of the storm that we must notice. He slept *because He trusted* in His Father’s control – even of seemingly uncontrollable waves. It is Christ’s faith in which we find refuge in all the storms of life: that He has already gone through every conceivable storm in our place, *and imputes to us the power and merit of His faith exercised in such difficult circumstances.* (WCF XI:I, pg 855 Trinity Hymn Book)