

ANNOUNCEMENTS
October 18, 2026

THIS WEEK

- **Monday- Tuesday, October 19-20** Presbytery of NY and New England, here at COPC. Please keep it in your prayers.
- **Monday October 19, 7 PM Worship service**, Presbytery of NY & New England. All are welcome to attend.
- **Wednesday, 7:00 pm: Zoom Bible study on the Book of Matthew** (Chapter 5)
To receive a zoom link, contact the church office – copcoffice@gmail.com.
- **Thursday, 1:30 pm: Barre Bible Study**
- **Thursday, 6:00 pm: American Heritage Girls**

UPCOMING

- **Sunday, October 25: Fellowship Meal** ** **Note the date change** ** *The general guideline for fellowship meals is for families to bring a main dish plus either a side dish or dessert, and for singles to bring one dish. But, bring whatever you can; we will share what God provides with all.*
- **COPC directory** of members and friends 2026 is being compiled right now! Please check your contact information in the 25 edition that is on the foyer table. All members and friends of our church are welcome to be included. Please give any updates to Olivia. If you would like to update your photo, please see Olivia to have a picture taken, or email a new photo to Olivia@copcv.org. The deadline for additions and changes is October 30.

REFLECTION on God “Coming Down to Us” in His Law - **Q. 8.** In what lies the strength of the argument for obedience to God’s law, found in God’s declaration of His being our God? (Fisher’s Commentary on the Shorter Catechism)

A. It lies in this, that because he makes himself over to sinners of mankind, by a covenant grant, in the word of divine revelation, to be “our God,” this ought to sweeten all his commands, and powerfully excite us to the obedience of them - Hab. 3:17-18.

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LORD’S DAY EVENING WORSHIP
October 18, 2026



Prelude

Salutation & Call to Worship

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (p 935 pew Bible)

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Hymn**

Let God Arise, and By His Might
122 Psalter Hymnal (verses 1-5)

1 Let God arise, and by His might, let all His foes be put to flight;
But O ye righteous, gladly sing, exult before your God and King.

2 Jehovah's praises sound abroad, rejoice before the living God;
Prepare the way that He may come and make the desert places bloom.

3 A Father of the fatherless, a Judge of widows in distress,
Is God, the God of boundless grace, who dwells within His holy place.

4 God frees the captive and He sends, the blessedness of home and friends,
And only those in darkness stay, who will not trust Him and obey.

5 O Zion, 'tis thy God's command, that thou in strength securely stand;
O God, confirm and strengthen still, thy purposes in us fulfill.

(1976 Blue Psalter Hymnal)

Invocation & God’s Law

Deuteronomy 33:1-5 (p 207 pew Bible)

Psalm of Confession

Hab. 3:1-2 (p 935 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon

Hab. 3:3-6 (p 935 pew Bible)

Congregational Prayer

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Hab. 3:1-6 (p 935 pew Bible)

Sermon Habbakuk’s Cry Answered

Prayer of Application

*** Closing Hymn** *Lead On, O King Eternal*
580 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home:
through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;
thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might. **

*** Benediction**

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Habbakuk’s Cry Answered

Habakkuk’s Question: How Long? Throughout OT, the godly man cries out to God, “How long will you tolerate wickedness in your world as the Holy Creator and Judge of all men?” Moreover, it is not surprising to hear even godly authors of Scripture throw up their hands in bitter despair as they behold the wicked. For example, consider the words of Psalm 73, much like Habakkuk’s lament and prophecy.

Burden of Habakkuk: He opens his mouth to plead with God to address the sinful rot of corruption and injustice in godless Judah (Hab. 1:1-4). Then the Lord reveals to the prophet in Hab 1:5-11 that He will soon chastise His people severely through the, “wild, heathen Babylonians who will attack and dismantle Judah,” (Walter Chantry in his book, “Habakkuk, A Wrestler with God”). Then the prophet cries out to God. He says in Habakkuk 1:12:

*Are you not from everlasting,
O Lord my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.
O Lord, you have ordained them as a judgment,
and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.*

Lesson: What a response to calamity! The prophet appeals to God by reminding the Lord that He is, “my God.” He appeals to God’s steadfast, unchangeable character as his Rock and reassures himself in prayer that God will not allow the Babylonians to overturn the moral order forever by wiping God’s people off the map: “We shall not die.”

Habakkuk’s Ground of Assurance: The prophet then EXPANDS HIS REASONS for hope in God in Habakkuk 3. Just as He came down to redeem His own from Egypt and bring them to Mt. Sinai, so Habakkuk prays in His psalm in Hab. 3 that the Lord would come down again.