

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF EAST SUMNER
National Association of Christian Congregational Churches (NACCC)
5th Sunday in Easter
April 28, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Call to Worship

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Hymn "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" Hymnal #358

*The Gathering Prayer of Confession

*The Invitation

Beloved, God does not disappoint those who come in hope, nor turn away those who approach in faith. Let us make our confession in hope and faith. Let us pray.

*The Prayer of Confession

Creator, Redeemer, Gift giver, God who loves us beyond all understanding, we confess now, times when we have tried to take control, to take control over things not within our power.

Times when we should have left the heavy burdens to You, our strong deliverer. When we let our fear stand in the way of sharing Your love, God, we are sorry.

Most merciful God, who knows all our guilts but still forgives us, we take time today to talk to You about what is heavy on our hearts. We ask You take these burdens, reduce our anxieties, letting us know Your forgiveness, and help us forgive ourselves.

Let us lean into Your love, remembering that You gave Your son, for all our sakes. No matter how we may have wronged You, You still clear our names.

A moment of silent prayer

Help us also clear our conscience, that we may begin our week free to focus on all the good You provide. Loving, compassionate and generous God, we pray to You this day through Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen

*The Assurance of Pardon

God sent Jesus not to judge us, but to save us. God accepts both our courage and our fears. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Dare to accept the gift of a new beginning. Alleluia!

* The Gloria Patri

Hymnal #734

Scripture

Acts 8:26-40

p 974/LP 1483

1 John 4:7-21

p 1084/LP 1648

John 15:1-8

p 956/LP 1458

Sermon

Bill Glass

Hymn

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Hymnal #353

Prayers of the Church - Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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, for ever. Amen.

* Doxology

Hymnal #34

Hymn

"We Are One"

Insert

Benediction

Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (1st verse only) Hymnal #472

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in his wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of his glory and grace

Postlude

* *All who are able, please stand.*

For church or pastoral matters, feel free to contact Bill Glass (388-2263) or one of the deacons (Sheri, Jen or Polly). If you wish to ask for a visit or call, you may place signed notes (comments, etc.) in the offering plate.

The offering is being taken as a retiring offering, with the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.

By custom, during worship we share in Communion on the first Sunday of each month. If you wish to participate in Communion on another Sunday, just mention that to the deacon or Bill. Communion is always available after the worship service.

This Week's Lectionary.

Mon. Apr 29	Psalm 80	Isaiah 5:1-7	Galatians 5:16-26
Tues., Apr 30	Psalm 80	Isaiah 32:9-20	James 3:17-18
Wed., May 1	Psalm 80	Isaiah 65:17-25	John 14:18-31
Thurs., May 2	Psalm 98	Isaiah 49:5-6	Acts 10:1-34
Fri., May 3	Psalm 98	Isaiah 42:5-9	Acts 10:34-43
Sat., May 4	Psalm 98	Deuteronomy 32:44-47	Mark 10:42-45

Church calendar-

Today	9:00am	Worship with coffee hour following.
	10:45am	Spring Sale planning meeting
Saturday, May 4	8:30am-Noon	Work Day!
Sunday, May 5	9:00am	Worship with coffee hour following.
		Communion. Deacons offering.
	10:45am	Spring Sale planning meeting
Wednesday, May 8	6:30pm	Council meeting
Sunday, May 12	9:00am	Worship with coffee hour following.
		The Pipes. Mother's Day.
	10:45am	Deacons meeting
Saturday, May 18	9am-1pm	Spring Sale!
Sunday, May 19	9:00am	Worship with coffee hour following.
		The Apostles Creed. Pentecost.
Sunday, May 26	9:00am	Worship with coffee hour following.
Sunday, June 2	9:00am	Worship with coffee hour following.
		Communion. Deacons offering.

Annual Spring Sale (May 18). The sale includes plants, raffle baskets, beanhole bean lunch, bake sale and local vendors. We need people to bake-see Rosie or Polly. The second planning meeting is **today**, and the final check-list meeting will be **May 5th**. If you don't already have an assignment, contact Cyndy Norton (coordinator/vendors)--207-388-2667 or norton@megalink.net. If you have plant questions, contact Linda Glass.

Work Days. Please mark your calendars for the next work day next Saturday, May 4th. There's a lot to do in order to clean up the grounds and the church. There's a chore for everyone, whether you can work outside cleaning up behind the church, or restoring the gravel to the parking lot or doing one of the inside projects. Plan on 8:30am-noon. Please bring tools to work outside or inside.



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