

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF EAST SUMNER
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Call to Worship **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, and take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon me; save me in your steadfast love.

* Hymn *"Morning Has Broken"* Hymnal # 35

* **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**

Wise and wondrous God, we come seeking your guidance and inspiration. We confess that sometimes our lives are more cluttered than committed and at those times, we do not know which way to turn. Help us, when we are most lost, to find you. Forgive our misdeeds, and grant us knowledge of your will so that a Spirit of freedom and grace might possess us. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

Prayer for Children and Youth

Scripture Acts 7:54-8:1a p 973/LP 1481
 1 Peter 2:2-10 p 1076/LP 1636
 John 14:1-14 p 955/LP 1457

Sermon Bill Glass

* **Hymn** *"You Servants of God"* Hymnal # 112

Prayers of the Church - Joys and Concerns

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

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.

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts

* **Doxology** Hymnal #34

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Hymn** *"Sanctuary"* Hymnal #482

* **Benediction**

* **Response** "Holy, Holy, Holy (1st verse only) Hymnal #136

* **Postlude**

* *All who are able, please stand.*

For church or pastoral matters, feel free to contact Bill Glass (388-2263) or Cyndy Norton (388-2667).

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 24 9:30am Council Meeting (in the Vestry)

This Week's Lectionary.

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| Mon., May 11 | Ps. 102:1-17 | Exodus 13:17-22 | Acts 7:17-40 |
| Tues., May 12 | Ps. 102:1-17 | Proverbs 3:5-12 | Acts 7:44-56 |
| Wed., May 13 | Ps. 102:1-17 | Proverbs 3:13-18 | John 8:31-38 |
| Thurs., May 14 | Ps. 66:8-20 | Genesis 6:5-22 | Acts 27:1-12 |
| Fri., May 15 | Ps. 66:8-20 | Genesis 7:1-24 | Acts 27:13-38 |
| Sat., May 16 | Ps. 66:8-20 | Genesis 8:13-19 | John 14:27-29 |

From the Deacons. This month would have been our annual blanket fashion show and collection for blankets to assist those in need around the world. Even though we can not be together in person, if you can visualize some of our previous blanket presentations (Grace Chesley, Abby Bragg and Caitlin Henderson, Bonny Bishop, Violet) you will remember how important one simple blanket can be.

This is a message from Church World Service: ***But the Church is alive. Despite the virus, it is breathing. Despite closed doors, it is reaching out. Despite this darkness, it is blanketing the world with light. Congregations like yours are living proof of this. With your support, we've been safely shipping out hundreds of CWS Blankets and Hygiene Kits to shelters where our neighbors are particularly vulnerable neighbors like those served by The Bowery Mission in New York City. For these families, your congregation's gift to CWS Blankets is more than a donation and more than a blanket; it is an expression of God's love. It is helping a mom provide comfort to her child, it is welcoming a weary stranger, it is an acknowledgement that we are part of God's beloved community, and it is an opportunity to "do good and share with those in need."*** If you would prefer to donate directly, use this address:

<https://cwsblankets.org/donate/>

Mother's Day. Today is Mother's Day. In a normal year we would celebrate this together as part of the worship service. As you go through today and this week, remember your mother, grandmother or someone who provided that role to you. In your prayers, thank God for her and other women who have helped, loved and mentored you. In your actions, try to be the kind of person she would wish you to be and that God created you to be.



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