

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF EAST SUMNER  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2020**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**The Call to Worship**

**Psalm 66:8-20**

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

**For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

**Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

\* Hymn      "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"    Hymnal #46

**\* The Gathering Prayer of Confession**

**\* The Invitation**

We are pilgrim people, charged to carry the Good News of God's Kingdom to all the earth, but we are also a bashful people, hesitant to tell the world about Jesus. Let us pray.

**\* The Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, your Holy Spirit has reached out and touched our spirits, inviting us to follow the path blazed by your Son Jesus, and for this we thank you. But we have been timid pilgrims and cautious companions. We have delighted in the garden paths, but avoided the desert roads. We want your love for ourselves, but fear to speak of it to others. We have put ourselves first and forgotten others. Forgive us we pray, and grant us a new beginning, that we may walk with**

**vision and courage all the roads you set before us. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\* The Assurance of Pardon**

I have Good News! Though our sins are real, those who sincerely repent are forgiven. In Jesus Christ we are given the chance to renew our lives. For this, we praise the Lord!

**\* The Gloria Patri**

Hymnal #734

**Prayer for Youth and Children**

<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 17:22-31	p 985/LP 1499
	1 Peter 3:13-22	p 1077/LP 1638
	John 14:15-21	p 955/LP 1458

**Sermon**

Bill Glass

\* Hymn      "I Know Whom I Have Believed"    Hymnal # 407

**\* The Apostles' Creed**

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.*

*The third day He arose again from the dead.*

*He ascended into heaven*

*and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.*

**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	"He Lives"	Hymnal #346
* 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).

### This Week's Lectionary Readings.

Mon., May 18	Psalm 93	Genesis 9:8-17	Acts 27:39-44
Tues., May 19	Psalm 93	Deut. 5:22-331	Peter 3:8-12
Wed., May 20	Psalm 93	Deut. 31:1-13	John 16:16-24
<b>Thurs., May 21 Ascension of the Lord</b>			
Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Fri., May 22	Psalm 93	2 Kings 2:1-12	Ephesians 2:1-7
Sat., May 23	Psalm 93	2 Kings 2:13-15	John 8:21-30

### Church Calendar

Monday, May 18	9am-Noon	Food Bank Open
Sunday, May 24	9:30am	Council Meeting (in the Vestry)
Monday, June 1	9am-Noon	Food Bank Open



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