

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF EAST SUMNER
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 24, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Call to Worship

Psalm 68:4-10, 32

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds--his name is the LORD-- be exultant before him.

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

* Hymn "Lord Jesus Think on Me" Hymnal #386

* The Gathering Prayer of Confession

* The Invitation

As we come before God we bring with us the joys and the baggage of the week. Our living falls short of our hopes, and wide of the mark of God's call to us. Let confess our sins and shortcomings to the Lord. Let us pray.

* The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you surround us in all we do; for in you we live and move and have our being, and we are grateful to know it. Yet we forget. We are preoccupied with the wants and desires of our hearts; we lose sight of you in the busyness of our lives; we fail to subject our actions to the light of your love. Forgive us, we pray, and grant that we may live more fully in the way that you have called us, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

* The Assurance of Pardon

Though our sins are real, by the grace of God those who sincerely repent are forgiven. In Jesus Christ we have the chance to renew our lives. Let us praise the Lord!

* The Gloria Patri

Hymnal #734

Prayer for Youth and Children

Scripture

Acts 1:1-11

p 965/LP 1470

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

p 1078/LP 1639

Luke 24:44-53

p 937/LP 1430

Sermon

Bill Glass

* Hymn

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

Hymnal #322

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

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

Hymnal #323

* Benediction

* 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)

Monday, June 1

9am-Noon

Food Bank Open

This Week's Lectionary.

Mon., May 25	Psalm 99	Lev. 9:1-11, 22-24	1 Peter 4:1-6
Tues., May 26	Psalm 99	Numbers 16:41-50	1 Peter 4:7-11
Wed., May 27	Psalm 99	1 Kings 8:54-65	John 3:31-36
Thurs., May 28	Ps. 33:12-22	Exodus 19:1-9a	Acts 2:1-11
Fri., May 29	Ps. 33:12-22	Exodus 19:16-25	Romans 8:14-17
Sat., May 30	Ps. 33:12-22	Exodus 20:1-21	Matthew 5:1-12

Deacons' Note: We have another week this month to donate to Church World Service Blankets Program. Cyndy has been in touch with Matthew Stevens, Director of Congregational Giving. When his office is operating on a more regular basis, he will send out the blanket patches for the years we are missing. CWS has been extremely busy assisting with the pandemic crisis. They have shipped out more than 2,100 blankets, 500 school kits, and 7,100 hygiene kits. This is in addition to the 'normal' assistance that CWS is involved in worldwide. We thank you for whatever support you are giving to wherever you feel it is most needed. You are doing God's work.

Birthdays. Beverly Bennett's birthday is tomorrow. Give her a call or Facebook note to wish her a happy birthday!



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