CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF EAST SUMNER National Association of Christian Congregational Churches (NACCC) Fourth Sunday in Easter April 21, 2024

Welcome and Announcements Prelude. The Pipes

The Call to Worship

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want; he maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside still waters; he restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Hymn

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Hymnal # 439

* The Gathering Prayer of Confession

* The Invitation

Jesus Christ rose from death to give us life, full and abundant; but the powers of darkness would still rob us of that victory. Let us pray.

* The Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Loving God, that much of the time we are too busy to be aware that You are in the room – overly distracted to notice what You are up to. Our lives are lived less fully as a result. We talk of following Jesus, but wander off on other paths that too often lead us away from You and Your call. Forgive us, we pray. Purify our hearts. Cleanse us from within. Make us holy.

A moment of silent prayer

Now send Your Spirit, good and generous God, that by daily transformation we might become evermore the people You made us to be. We love You and long to love You more. We serve You but long to serve more faithfully. Hear us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* The Assurance of Pardon

God brings us to awareness of our sins, our errors and our failings in order that we might turn from them and seek the Way that Christ has shown us. Let us give praise to the Lord!

* The Gloria Patri		Hymnal #734		
The Pipes				
Scripture	Acts 4:5-12	p 968/LP 1475		
_	1 John 3:16-24	p 1083/LP 1647		
	John 10:11-18	p 950/LP 1450		
Sermon		Bill Glass		
* What We Believe – The Nicene Creed				
* Hymn	"My Savior's Love"	Hymnal # 277		

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	"In Christ Alone"	Insert
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 one of the deacons (Sherri, 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. 22	Psalm 95	1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 Peter 5:1-5
Tues., Apr. 23	Psalm 95	1 Chronicles 11:1-9	Revelation 7:13-17
Wed., Apr. 24	Psalm 95	Micah 7:8-20	Mark 14:26-31
Thurs., Apr. 25	Ps. 22:25-31	Amos 8:1-7	Acts 8:1b-8
Fri., Apr. 26	Ps. 22:25-31	Amos 8:11-13	Acts 8:9-25
Sat., Apr. 27	Ps. 22:25-31	Amos 9:7-15	Mark 4:30-32

Church calendar-

Today	9:00am	Worship with coffee hour following.
		Nicene Creed. The Pipes.
Sunday, Apr. 28	9:00am	Worship with coffee hour following.
Saturday, May 4	8:30am-Noon Work Day!	
Sunday, May 5	9:00am	Worship with coffee hour following.
		Communion.
	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.
	10:45am	Deacons meeting
Saturday, May 18	9am-1pm	Spring Sale!
Sunday, May 19	9:00am	Worship with coffee hour following.
		The Apostles Creed
Sunday, May 26	9:00am	Worship with coffee hour following.

<u>Annual Spring Sale (May 18).</u> 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 **April 28th**, 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 <u>norton@megalink.net</u>. If you have plant questions, contact Linda Glass.

Work Days. Please mark your calendars for the next work day on 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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