



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CHAPEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

200 Angell Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island 02864

*"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves
with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."*

Colossians 3:12

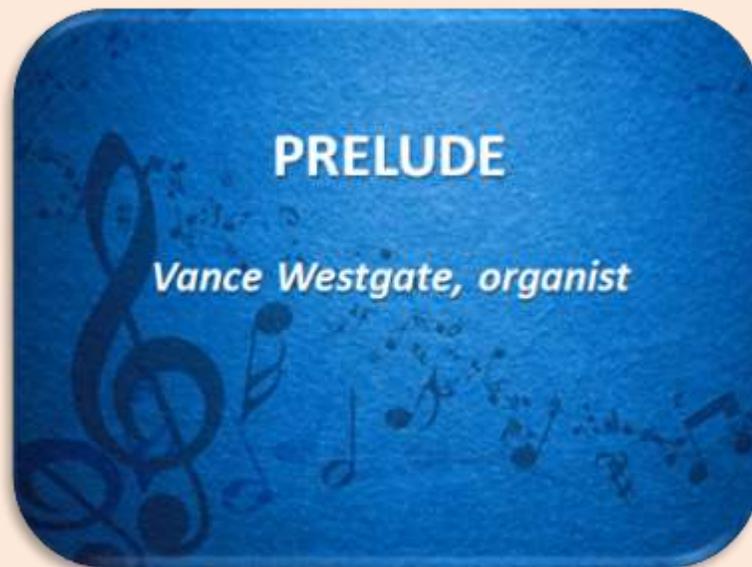
Pastor – Reverend David Pierce

Organist – Mr. Vance Westgate

Sunday Worship Liturgy

May 2, 2021





Leader: Let us proclaim:

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

HYMN— “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christ, the Lord, is risen today , Al—le—lu—ia!
All creation joins to say, Al—le—lu—ia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al—le—lu—ia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Al—le—lu—ia!

Lives again our glorious King, Al—le—lu—ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al—le—lu—ia!
Dying once He all doth save, Al—le—lu—ia!
Where thy vic - tory, O grave? Al—le—lu—ia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Al—le—lu—ia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Al—le—lu—ia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Al—le—lu—ia!
Christ hath opened Paradise, Al—le—lu—ia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al—le—lu—ia!
Following our exalted Head, Al—le—lu—ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al—le—lu—ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al—le—lu—ia!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

Music: Arr. from Lyra Davidica, 1708

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CHRIST THE **LORD**
IS RISEN TODAY!

gathering Prayer

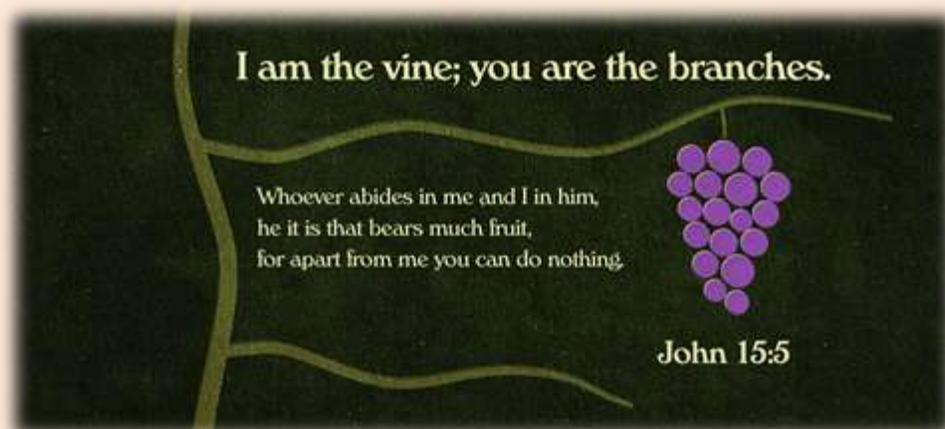
For all the good gifts of this day, we thank you, O God of life. As you have been with us in the past, be with us now. Call us forth from our places of bondage, and forgive us the ways we treat one another as anything less than sacred and holy. In our want, give us gratitude for mercy. In our joy, give us friends to celebrate with. In our darkness and death, give us Easter hope. In all things, give us the Spirit of Jesus, and we will give you all blessing and praise. This we pray for the sake of your love, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—John 15:1-8 (The Message Translation)

“I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn’t bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken.

“Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can’t bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can’t bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

“I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.



Children's Moment

MUSICAL OFFERING—“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Words & Music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Mark Fortin, guitar & vocals

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Deuteronomy 1:19-33 (The NRSV Translation)

Then, just as the LORD our God had ordered us, we set out from Horeb and went through all that great and terrible wilderness that you saw, on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, until we reached Kadesh-barnea. I said to you, “You have reached the hill country of the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving us. See, the LORD your God has given the land to you; go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you; do not fear or be dismayed.”

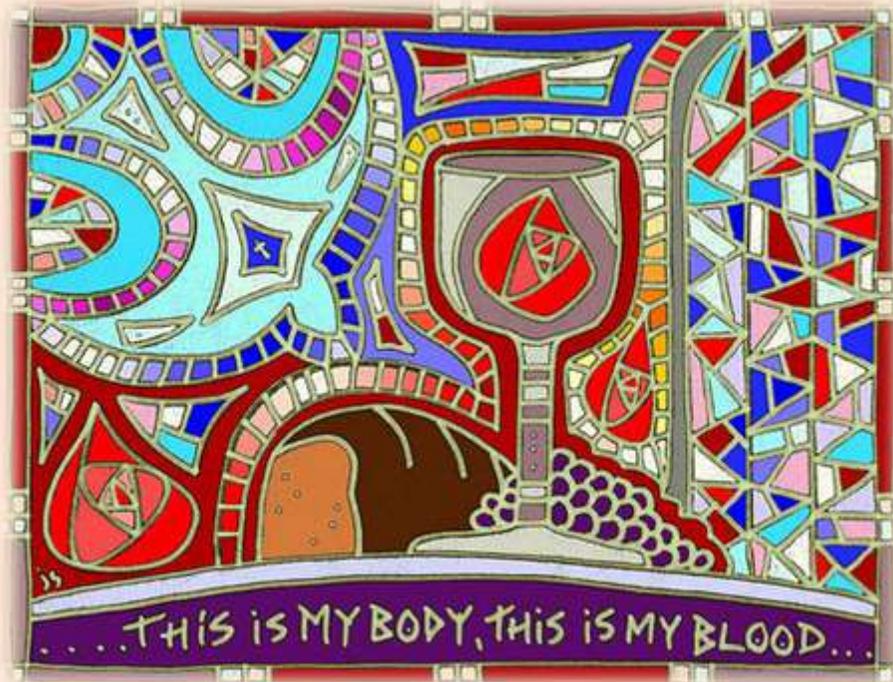
All of you came to me and said, “Let us send men ahead of us to explore the land for us and bring back a report to us regarding the route by which we should go up and the cities we will come to.” The plan seemed good to me, and I selected twelve of you, one from each tribe. They set out and went up into the hill country, and when they reached the Valley of Eshcol they spied it out and gathered some of the land’s produce, which they brought down to us. They brought back a report to us, and said, “It is a good land that the LORD our God is giving us.”

But you were unwilling to go up. You rebelled against the command of the LORD your God; you grumbled in your tents and said, “It is because the LORD hates us that he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to hand us over to the Amorites to destroy us. Where are we headed? Our kindred have made our hearts melt by reporting, ‘The people are stronger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified up to heaven! We actually saw there the offspring of the Anakim!’” I said to you, “Have no dread or fear of them. The LORD your God, who goes before you, is the one who will fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your very eyes, and in the wilderness, where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you traveled until you reached this place. But in spite of this, you have no trust in the LORD your God, who goes before you on the way to seek out a place for you to camp, in fire by night, and in the cloud by day, to show you the route you should take.”

SERMON

Rev. David Pierce
"Where Are We Headed?"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Communion Music—*"Love Moved First"*

Words & Music by John Hall, Matthew West and Bernie Hermis

Wade Richmond, guitar & vocals

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Musical Refrain:
Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN—“*Amazing Grace*”

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield, and portion be
As long as life endures

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

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*Amazing
grace*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember the following people in our prayers this week:

Jean Davis, following a recent stroke
Scott Dutilly, a friend of Laurie Ezovski
All healthcare providers and essential workers
Lloyd Richmond, Wade Richmond's father
Sarah Roque, sister of Amanda Choiniere, continuing treatments for cancer
Rachael Cassidy, friend of Amanda Choiniere, recently diagnosed with cancer
Dan Stevenson's friend, Rich Parkes, who is recovering at home
Carol Smith, Margaret Ordonez's sister
Anna Brandenburg-Schroeder, Lea Dau's sister
Lisa Fabianski, friend of Diane and Wade Richmond
Cameron Hewey
George Labonte
Karli Lamontagne
Lindsay-Rae, daughter of Jim and Brenda Verdoia
Joe Machado is requesting prayers for Jake Crane, Joe Resendes,
Aunt Alice, Cousin Gail, Lucy Gaspar, and family and friends

Please pray for our Chapel members and friends in nursing or residential homes:
Raymond La Ninfa, Irene Smith, Ruth and Fredrick Hooks

*If you would like to have a name added to this weekly list of prayers,
or if you know that a name you added can now be removed, please
email the office at office@fourcornerschapel.org
or call the Church Office at (401) 333-6171.*

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WORSHIP NEWS

WORSHIP NEWS FOR NEXT WEEK: MAY 9, 2021

We will continue with in-person services on the front lawn of the Chapel at 10 am, Sunday, May 9th. Please bring your own lawn chairs, and follow all seating instructions upon arrival. Those in attendance will be required to wear face coverings, and to maintain social distancing.

Due to Covid-19 requirements, all those who will attend are required to register prior to the service. The registration deadline is 9 pm, Friday, May 7th, 2021.

Registration is now available on our website (www.fourcornerschapel.org), or you may contact the Chapel office (401-333-6171 or office@fourcornerschapel.org)

RETURNING TO IN-PERSON GATHERINGS AT FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CHAPEL UPDATED MAY 2, 2021

In recent weeks, both the RI Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control have updated their guidelines for Houses of Worship. In the state of Rhode Island, it is expected that we will be able to return to 100% indoor capacity around June 1st. Also to be expected, there are a few restrictions that will remain in place. Most notably, it will be required that we wear face masks and maintain 3 feet of distance when indoors. ***With this updated information in mind, we plan to hold worship services indoors beginning on Sunday, June 13th.***

Until then, we hope to be able to gather outdoors on the front lawn on Sunday mornings. All those wishing to attend in-person outdoor services are required to register ahead of time (by 12 noon on the Friday prior to the service) on our website (www.fourcornerschapel.org). In the event of inclement weather, we will gather online for worship. To ensure we have the needed time and resources to make this shift, any decisions to cancel in-person services will occur by the end of the day Thursday.

While current health and safety guidelines do not require individuals to wear face masks outdoors if they are more than 3 feet apart, because we can't always know the size of our congregation on Sundays, please note that face masks must be worn even outdoors on church property, and everyone must maintain social distancing.

Once we do return to holding worship indoors, we will livestream services. In the meantime, our weekly outdoor service will be recorded and made available on our church website and Facebook page on Sunday afternoon.



As we welcome in-person outdoor services, and look forward to next month's return to worshipping in the Chapel, we will continue to work creatively and intentionally to partner with and financially support our various mission efforts both locally and globally, knowing how important it is to provide for the least among us at this time especially. In addition, our Deacons are working to keep us connected by providing congregational care through weekly phone calls.

If you have any questions about how you can be part of worship either in person or online, please reach out to Pastor David or one of our Deacons.

During these uncertain times, should you need assistance in some way, please contact the church office or Pastor David. We take it as our calling from God to do what we can to provide for each other's needs as best we can. Our Chapel office is now operating remotely. Phone messages will be checked during the week, so please continue to call the office at 401-333-6171 if you have any questions or concerns, and leave a message. Please note that your call may not be returned immediately. When sending mail to the Chapel, including any financial pledges or donations, please send it to 200 Angell Road, Cumberland, RI 02864. Please do not send any mail to our PO Box at this time.

Likewise, you may also reach out to us via email by contacting us at office@fourcornerschapel.org, as email will also be checked throughout the week. We will continue to use Constant Contact to reach out to you via group emails. If you have not signed up to receive "Down on the Corner" electronic newsletters, please visit our website and click the blue banner at the bottom of the home page to sign up.

In addition to our electronic newsletter, we will also be providing updates through the Chapel's Facebook page.



INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

In response to the abundant generosity of God in our lives, and to the faithfulness of God in times of scarcity, let us be generous towards one another today.

Financial gifts to our church go to support our life and ministry together, including the work we do to provide compassion and community for our local and worldwide neighbors.

Here are some ways to financially support the Chapel:

BY MAIL

Mail a check to Four Corners Community Chapel, 200 Angell Road, Cumberland, RI 02864

ONLINE BILL PAY

You can set up one-time or recurring donations using online bill pay with your bank

ONLINE GIVING

Giving one-time or recurring gifts online is secure and convenient. Simply click the icon on our home page (fourcornerschapel.org) and follow the prompts. Donations can be made from your checking or savings account, or by using a credit or debit card.

TEXT GIVING

Text "4ccc" and the amount that you want to give to 73256. You will receive a return text - click on the link provided and follow the prompts. Donations can be made from your checking or savings account, or by using a credit or debit card.

To make a long-term financial commitment

For 2021, visit our website at
www.fourcornerschapel.org

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Click "Online Pledge Form 2021"
and complete the online pledge form

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Click "print a pledge card"

Please contact the Chapel office if you have any questions:

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"All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God."

- Deuteronomy 16:17

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