



**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CHAPEL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

200 Angell Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island 02864

*"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."*

Isaiah 43:1-3

**Pastor – Reverend David Pierce**

**Organist – Mr. Vance Westgate**

*Home Worship Liturgy*

*August 9, 2020*



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## CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are my shepherd. I shall not want, for even when I am too tired and stubborn to know I need to slow down and stop, you make me lie down in pastures of green. I shall not want because you have already provided everything I need.

O God, you are my restorer. You turn my mourning into dancing, you make my bones to live again, and right down to my very soul, I rejoice.

O God, you are my guide, the one who knew me while I was still in my mother's womb, who calls me your own beloved, who walks the dark corridors with me, and who will never abandon or forsake your own good creation.

O God, you are the host of all. You insist that the table be long and wide, so that no one may be left without a seat. You put bread in the middle while enemies sit at opposite ends—your invitation for us to move closer to one another, to fill our mouths, to stop talking, to start listening. You anoint my head with oil. Because I am just a beggar at the feast, you don't require me to bring a gift for you. You anoint *my* head with oil. O God, you are the host of all.

O God, you are my pursuer. You run from the front porch to embrace my prodigal heart. You wait for us. You send us out into the world with your blessing, and when we lose our way, you venture out to find us, and you chase us back home with mercy and love.

O God, you are our God. We come to worship you.



## GATHERING PRAYER

God who promises to make all things new, send your Holy Spirit to begin with us, for we need to be made new today. From Cumberland to Beirut and everywhere in between and beyond, we are your people. We belong to you and therefore we belong to one another. Made in love, make us daring enough to believe that love can make us new again. Where we have grown afraid of having to go without, make us new in generosity and faith. Where we have grown indifferent to the suffering of others, because they are "others," make us new in compassion, and give us eyes to see in everyone the face of Jesus. Holy Spirit come, make us new today, so we will never be the same again. Amen.



WE  
ARE  
YOUR  
PEOPLE

## HYMN—"Day By Day"

Day by day, and with each passing moment,  
Strength I find to meet my trials here;  
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,  
I've no cause for worry or for fear.  
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure,  
Gives unto each day what he deems best,  
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,  
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me,  
With a special mercy for each hour;  
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,  
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow'r.  
The protection of his child and treasure  
Is a charge that on himself he laid;  
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"  
This the pledge to me he made.

Help me then, in every tribulation,  
So to trust thy promises, O Lord,  
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,  
Offered me within thy holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,  
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,  
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,  
Till with Christ the Lord I stand.

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## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—*Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

### SERMON

Rev. David Pierce

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

For the reconciliation of all God's children on our city streets and in our communities

Joanne Spann

Kathleen Choiniere

For the victims and survivors in Beirut, Lebanon

Andy Porder's sister Ami, recovering from brain surgery

Dan Stevenson's friend, Rich Parkes, who is at Miriam Hospital, and for his family

Prayers of mercy and healing for Bill Caldwell, who is recovering at home

Kim Tanguay, who is recovering from a motorcycle accident

Carol Smith, Margaret Ordonez's sister

Those battling with mental illness and depression

All healthcare providers and essential workers

Anna Brandenburg-Schroeder, Lea Dau's sister

Lisa Fabianski, friend of Diane and Wade Richmond

Cameron Hewey

George Labonte

Karli Lamontagne

Jason Nelson, nephew of Deb Dennis

Lindsay-Rae, daughter of Jim and Brenda Verdoia

Mary Wells, friend of Mark and Diane Lamontagne

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 homes:

Bob Gilson, Joe Chopy, 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](mailto:office@fourcornerschapel.org)*

*or call the Church Office at (401) 333-6171.*

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# KEEP IN TOUCH!



The Deacons of Four Corners Community Chapel, in consultation with our church Council, and based on recommendations from the Southern New England Conference of the UCC, have decided to continue suspending in-person Sunday worship services through ***at least the end of September***. This decision does not mean that the work and community of our church will be stopped, or even slowed down, at all. 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. Church At Home services will continue online. Please check back to our website (<https://www.fourcornerschapel.org>) regularly for updates.

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](mailto: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.

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