

OUT OF ABUNDANCE

NINTEENTH 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

> > October 11, 2020 10 am



Southern New England Conference United Church of Christ

Living the Love & Justice of Jesus



CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God under the open skies!

Praise the Lord!

Praise God for the chorus of birds and animals in the trees!

Praise the Lord!

Praise God for the sound of neighbors and of life going on!

Praise the Lord!

Praise God for the presence of brothers and sisters gathered near!

Praise the Lord!

Praise God for work that calls us forth again each day!

Praise the Lord!

Praise God for the sharing of peace where once there was no peace.

Praise the Lord.

Praise God for the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ, who dare to love in all things, and above all things!

Praise the Lord!

Praise God for this world, this day, this moment, this grace.

Praise the Lord!



MORNING HYMN

"In the Garden" Sung by Arlen Dau

GATHERING PRAYER

O God, in the midst of our trouble, be our calm. In the midst of our need, be our sure provision. In the midst of our sickness and disease, be our healer. In the midst of our loneliness, be our comfort. In the midst of our elections, be our wisdom. In the midst of our debates, be our voice that speaks with compassion. In the midst of our joy, be our friend who laughs with us. In the midst of our sin, be our Christ who forgives us. In the midst of our worship, be our song and our prayer. O God, in the midst of life and death, be our light. This we pray in your holy name, Amen.





SCRIPTURE LESSONS

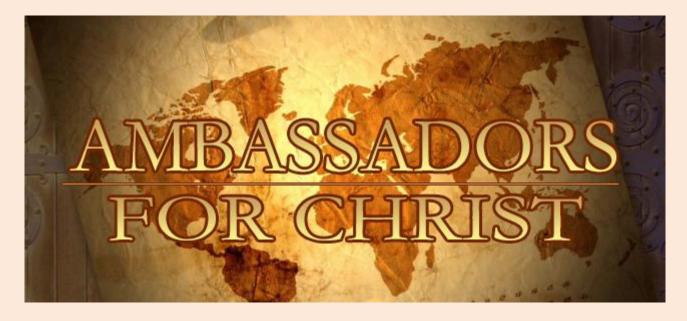
Psalm 106:1-7, 19-23

Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times. Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage. Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly. Our ancestors, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wonderful works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea. They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image. They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. Therefore he said he would destroy them had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.



2 Corinthians 5:16-6:1

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.



SERMON Rev. David Pierce "In the Breach"



MUSICAL OFFERING—"Confidence" Words & Music by Sanctus Real Sung by Wade Richmond



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE





THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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.

BENEDICTION

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 The Gabel family

George Weavill

Sarah Roque, sister of Amanda Choiniere, continuing treatments for cancer Rachael Cassidy, friend of Amanda Choiniere, recently diagnosed with cancer Scott Dutilly, a friend of Laurie Ezovski

Joanne Spann

Dan Stevenson's friend, Rich Parkes, who has been moved from Miriam Hospital to Spaulding Rehab Prayers of mercy and healing for Bill Caldwell, who is recovering at home

> 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 LamontagneJason Nelson, nephew of Deb Dennis 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 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 <u>office@fourcornerschapel.org</u> or call the Church Office at (401) 333-6171.

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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, previously decided to continue suspending in-person Sunday worship services through at least the end of September. Going forward, we have adopted a plan that will alternate in-person services with an online-only service. On the weeks where we gather in-person, the service will be recorded and made available after the fact. On the other weeks, we will create a prerecorded service similar to the type we have had in place since mid-March. So long as it is not raining and the temperature remains above 40 degrees, all in-person services will be held on the front lawn of the church at 10 a.m. Those wishing to attend must sign-up online the week before and adhere to all the safety requirements as laid out by our church and the State of RI. (On really cool mornings, blankets and coffee make for good worship companions!) Please note that even on the lawn, we do have some space constraints which might require us to cap the number of attendees. In the event of inclement weather, the outdoor portion of the service will be canceled at least 24 hours in advance and the service will be available online. Once the weather becomes totally non-conducive to gathering outdoors, we will evaluate our ability to move indoors to the sanctuary.

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.

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.

WORSHIP NEWS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

On October 18th, we will worship online. Please visit our website (<u>www.fourcornerschapel.org</u>) and click on the "Church At Home" page for the links to the Worship Service and the online bulletin.



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- October 18th Online service only.
- October 25th In-person on the front lawn. The service will also be recorded.
- November 1st Online service only.
- November 8th In-person on the front lawn. The service will also be recorded.
- November 15th Online service only.

Stay tuned for future updates....

SUNDAY SCHOOL CREATING A FOUNDATION OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP FOR CHILDREN GRADES K - 5



Registration is now open for Sunday School 2020 – 2021. Please visit our website (fourcornerschapel.org) to access our online Sunday School registration form. Please contact Amanda if you have any questions. <u>amanda@fourcornerschapel.org</u>



ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held virtually on the morning of Sunday, November 15, 2020. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive and approve the 2020 Church Budget, and to vote upon and approve the report of the Nominating Committee. All who are a part of the life and ministry of the Church are encouraged to attend.

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