

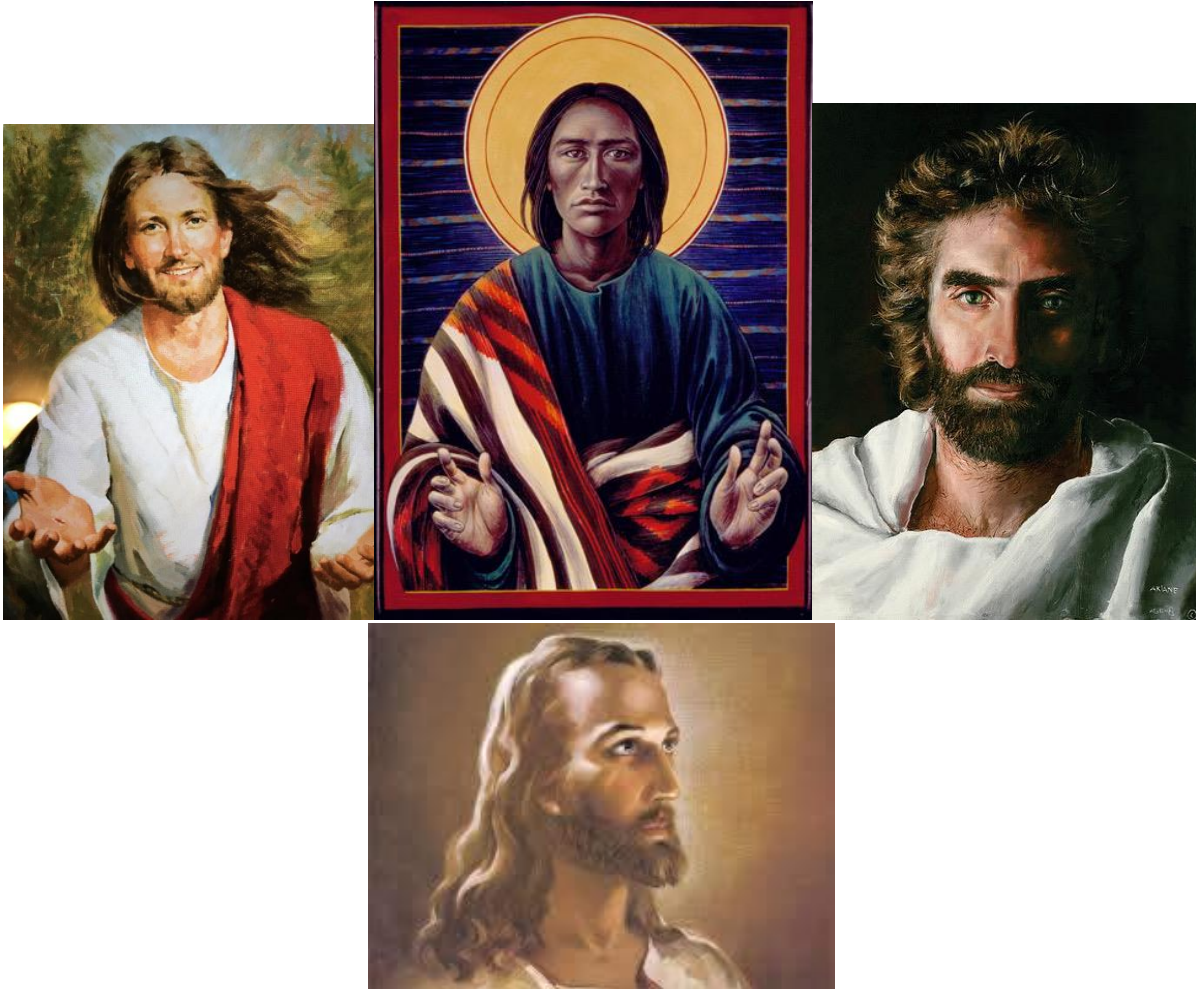
# RED HOOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Stephen Ernst



## *Images of Jesus*

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 23, 2020, Year A 10:30 am

PRELUDE: Welcome Back; John Sebastian, COVID Lyrics – Pastor Steve

SINGERS: Dave Moore, Julianna O’Leary and Pastor Steve

LITURGIST: Rev. Barbara Melzer

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Red Hook UMC, Healing and Prayer Service – September 12, 2020, 10am

Guest Speaker – Joan Murray

Questions – call Pastor Nan Ernst, Director of the Healing and Prayer Ministry, 914-689-6116

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Please stand*

We step off the streets, away from places of work, shopping malls, billboards, and news broadcasts, to stand before the living God.

**Our help is in the name of the living God, maker of heaven and earth.**

We turn away from the world and the patterns of power that too often hurt, trap and swallow us up.

**We stand before our helper the God of mercy, who rescues and renews us.**

We come to this sanctuary seeking the living God, maker of heaven and earth.

**We present ourselves to the living God, who is compassionate and merciful, as a living and pleasing sacrifice.** †

OPENING PRAYER

**Maker of heaven and earth, we come from different places with our own place on the journey. Some of us have succeeded and found favor. Some of us have failed and seek reassurance. Some of us feel trapped and helpless. Some of us have escaped peril and feel great relief. But no matter what our experience has been, we come here today to meet you in worship. Remind us of your power and mercy. Replenish our courage and vision. Renew our identity as your people. Reinvigorate our holy work in this world, for our help is in your name alone, Holy God, maker of heaven and earth. Amen.**

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OPENING HYMN: **Blessed Be the Name of the Lord** verse 1 TFWS 2034

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *Please be seated (unison)*

**Seek the living God, who rescues and saves us in times of trial. Seek the living God, who renews, transforms and strengthens us in our hour of need. Hear the Good News.** †

SCRIPTURE READING: **Romans 12:1-8** New Testament 161-162

\*GOSPEL READING: Please stand **Matthew 16:13-20** New Testament 18

After reading:

**L:** The Word of God for the people of God **P:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Be Transformed, Pastor Steve

SONG: Keys to the Kingdom; Stephen Ernst, Pastor Steve

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE: **God of mercy and grace, it is hard to hold onto hope. We see people handed over as food for the enemies' teeth, or as prey for the hunters' traps. Sometimes we are the food and the prey. Sometimes we are the enemy and the hunter. Sometimes we are merely bystanders, too afraid of being powerless to act as we should. Forgive us, O God, when we accept things as they are. Maker of heaven and earth, giver of hope, savior of the distressed, fill our imaginations and our hearts with your splendid vision for our world. Transform and renew our minds, that we may discern what is good and pleasing to you in this world you love so deeply. Amen.** †

*(Time of silence)*

Jesus promised that the gates of the underworld would not be able to stand against the Church. Each of us is part of this Church, this body of Christ. Each of us has unique gifts and our own unique calling. Know that through God's mercies, you are forgiven. Know that God will bless you with new imaginings, new thoughts, new hopes, and new courage, that we too may stand against the gates of the underworld. †

HYMN: **Blessed Be the Name of the Lord** verse 2 TFWS 2034

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, you are our help in the midst of need and danger. Bless our gifts this day, that they may find their way to those who feel hopeless and without resource. May our gifts be a sign of your hope and love, and may the people we help find their way to safety. Amen. †**

HYMN: **Blessed Be the Name of the Lord** verse 3 TFWS 2034

BENEDICTION:

No matter how the world has treated us, whether we are powerful or powerless, God renews our vision and energy, calling us to works of transformation by reflecting God's love and justice.

**With God's power, we will stand against the powers of destruction in our world.**

With God's wisdom, let us resist the seductive forces that lead us to shut down and give in.

**With God's eye on the powerless, we will cry out on behalf of those caught in the teeth of their enemies.**

With God's mercy, let us pull to safety those caught in the raging waters.

**With God's justice, we will stand with those who are enslaved and beaten down.**

For it is none other than Jesus, the Messiah, Son of the Living God, who has built the Church, and the gates of the underworld will never conquer God and God's Church.

**Amen and amen. †**

\*POSTLUDE: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Julianna O'Leary

**Food Pantry: Sundays, 12:00-2 pm**

**Pastor Steve is available for pastoral care visits,  
meeting at the church, homes, or other locations.**

**Please feel free to call or email**

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**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

Our Pastor and Our Entire Congregation.  
All of the NYAC staff and Cabinet.  
Our Ministry and Churches around the World.  
The Sick and those who continue to care for them.  
Those who give their lives for our Country and  
who protect us every day.  
All people, animals, and communities of the world  
as God created them.

**THOSE OF SPECIAL CONCERN AT THIS TIME:**

Gail Bamford, John Bamford, Donna Marie Blanche, Jean Bleibtrey,  
Carol Boeck, Ken Bonal, Fred Brammer and family,  
Brian (volunteer in food pantry), Pete Buhler, Gabriella and Gavin Butz,  
Lorraine DeCarolis, Terri & John Doyle, Tracie Dedrick, Deborah Dunkle,  
Kay Egan, Nan Ernst, Beth Finn, Kay George, Pastor Paul and Gloria Gingrich,  
Melissa and Myriam Godwin, Mike Goodrich, Irene Harrison,  
David Heller, Haley Hines, Donald Hunt, Ron Jones, Phyllis Keeler,  
Nicole Lewellyn, Kathy Lunger, Maria Martins, Julien: pray for sweet sleep,  
Sofia Anna Morgan, 15 yr. old, autistic and diagnosed with schizophrenia,  
Cynthia Morrison and her sister Cathy, David Muller, Caleb & Grady Nelson,  
Carl Pack, Annalise Padley, Pine Haven Rehabilitation Center,  
The family of Eric Ramsey on his passing, Gene R. for continued healing,  
The Resnick family, Joyce Riffenburg, Randall Stewart,  
Kathy Stoppenbach, Diane Tanzosch,  
Tom Tierney and family on the passing of his wife Linda Tierney,  
Nancy Titus, Reverend Eric Titus, Skip Tremper, Ruth VanVliet,  
Taylor Van Voorhis, Tony and Charlotte Vellake,  
Mary Lou Williams, and Louise, Susie, Mary Beth, Bill and Rich

**IN CHRIST'S NAME, WE PRAY.  
AMEN.**

# 2034 Blessed Be the Name of the Lord



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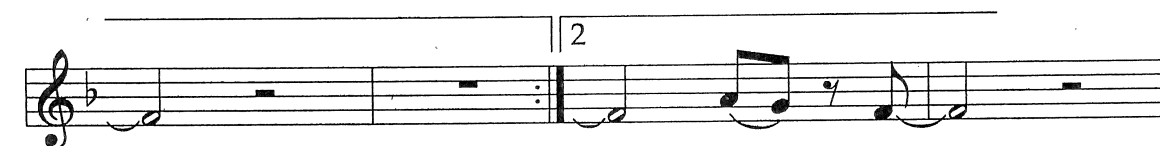


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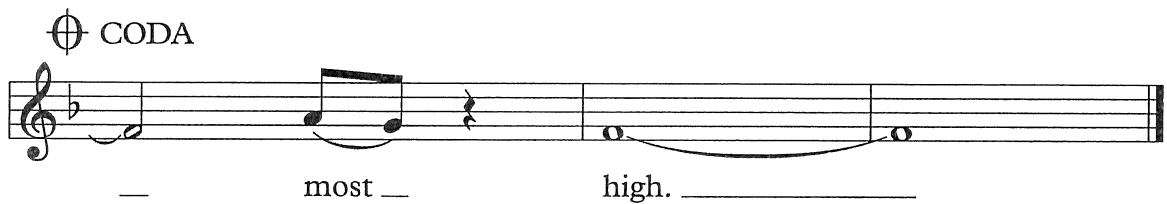
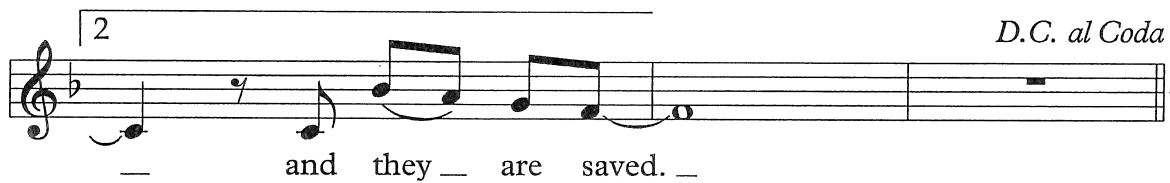
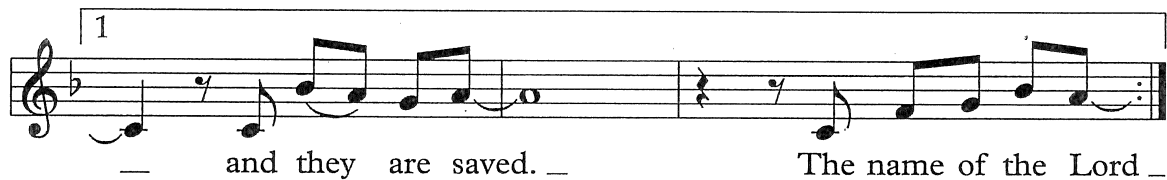
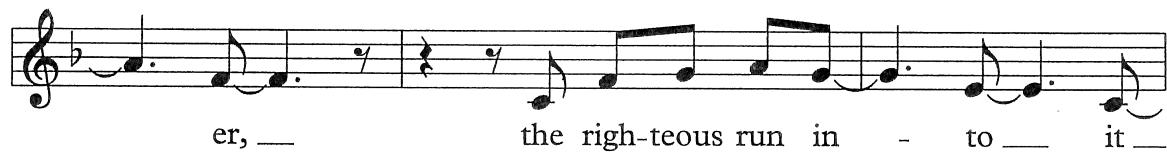
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2. Glory to the name of the Lord ...

3. Holy is the name of the Lord ...



**Welcome Back** (theme song from Welcome Back Kotter)  
John Sebastian, 1975 COVID lyrics, Stephen J. Ernst

Welcome back, it's been too long since COVID kicked us out.  
Welcome back, being together's what it's all about.  
You know the way that we pray might be changed around,  
But God's love still remains and it will be found,  
In the eyes of those around you,  
(Eyes of those around you)

Those loving eyes around you,  
(Loving eyes around you)

You know we missed you a lot, this has been quite a spot, welcome back.  
Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back,  
Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back.

Welcome back, I know these masks are getting old.  
Welcome back, they might be worth their weight in gold.  
Though it may seem mean to insist on them,  
Still it may be the way to prevent the spread,  
So we've got to wear them,  
(Yeah, we're gonna wear them.)  
Hope soon we can forget them.  
(Soon we will forget them.)

We don't like them a lot, but we're still in this spot, welcome back.  
Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back,  
Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back,

*whistle*

When I think of the time that we've been apart,  
Now together again, it's a brand new start.  
We'll let the Spirit lead us,  
(Let the Spirit lead us.)  
Fear will not defeat us.  
(Fear will not defeat us.)

Yeah we love you a lot, this has been quite a spot, welcome back.  
Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back,  
Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back