

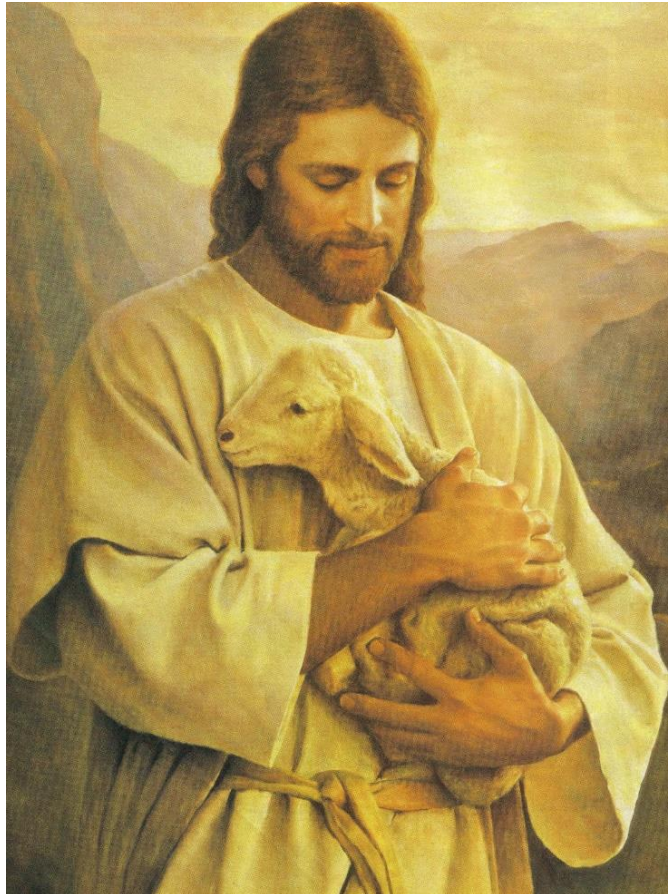
# RED HOOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Stephen Ernst



**The Good Shepherd**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

May 3, 2020, Year A 10:30a m

PRELUDE: Bless This House; May Brabe, Julianna O'Leary

PARTICIPANTS: Lois Chenkus, Pastor Nan Ernst and Julianna O'Leary

WELCOME: Pastor Steve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our shepherd. **We are the sheep of Christ's pasture.**

The shepherd makes us lie down in green pastures. **In Christ, we dwell secure.**

The shepherd leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

**We worship Christ, our shepherd, our gate. †**

## OPENING PRAYER

**Loving Shepherd, we feel the wolves close at hand. Gather us to yourself, that we might dwell secure in your ways. Deliver us from evil, that we might build a community where all may dwell secure. Mark our fellowship with study, prayer, communion and the sharing of our possessions with those in need. Amen. †**

OPENING HYMN: **Come and Find the Quiet Center** TFWS 2128

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Keeper of our souls, when we go astray, help us return to you, shepherd and guardian. May the words we hear resonate within us like a drum in the valley and may it's echo never fade. Amen. †**

SCRIPTURE READING: **1 Peter 2:19-25** New Testament 233-234

\*GOSPEL READING: **John 10:1-10** New Testament 103

After reading:

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

SERMON: Hold Tight! Pastor Steve

SONG: Good Shepherd; Jorma Kaukonen (Jefferson Airplane), Pastor Steve

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and PARDON

**Christ, our shepherd and gate, we would rather chart our own course than be shepherded like sheep; we would rather find our own way than see you as the Way; we would rather be shepherds than sheep who are vulnerable and exposed. Forgive us when we bleat our resistance as you guide us to higher pastures. Be our gate, our way to safe havens, where we can dwell with you secure. Amen †**

*(Time of silence)*

The one who anoints our heads with oil, the one who feeds us while our enemies look on, the one who delivers us from evil, invites us to dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

HYMN: **They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love** TFWS 2223

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Holy One, touch us with the awe that came upon those early disciples, as they beheld the signs and wonders performed in their midst by the apostles. May the gifts we offer this day be a remembrance of their commitment to share all things in common. In Jesus's name, amen. †**

HYMN: **To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!** UMH 98

BENEDICTION

The Lord is our shepherd. **We shall not want.**

In pastures green, we rest secure. **Our shepherd leads us forth.**

By still waters, we rest secure. **Our shepherd brings us abundant life.**

Go with the blessings of our shepherd. †

\*POSTLUDE: Climb Every Mountain; Richard Rogers, Julianna O'Leary

**Food Pantry: Sundays, 12:30-2 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, Deborah Dunkle, Kay Egan,

Beth Finn, Kay George, Pastor Paul and Gloria Gingrich,

Melissa and Myriam Godwin, Mike Goodrich, Irene Harrison,

David Heller, Jeanne Henderson, Haley Hines, Donald Hunt, Ron Jones,

Phyllis Keeler, Nicole Lewellyn, Kathy Lunger,

the family of Regina Lunger on her passing, Maria Martins,

David Muller, Caleb & Grady Nelson, Carl Pack,

Annalise Padley, Pine Haven Rehabilitation Center,

The Resnick family, Joyce Riffenburg, Randall Stewart,

Kathy Stoppenbach, Diane Tanzosch, Linda Tierney,

Nancy Titus, Reverend Eric Titus, Skip Tremper, Ruth VanVliet,

Taylor Van Voorhis, Tony and Charlotte Vellake, Anna Weih,

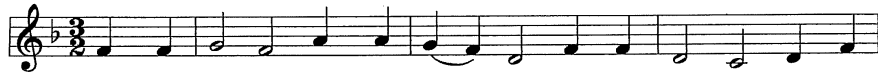
Mary Lou Williams, and Louise, Susie, Mary Beth, Bill and Rich

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

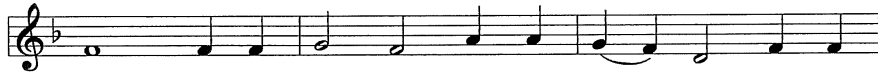
**AMEN.**

GRACE

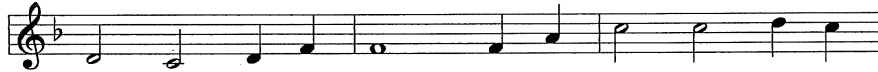
## 2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's



lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the  
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our  
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -



frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the  
be - ing, touch-es base, mak - ing space with - in our  
brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep - est



clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the  
think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing  
dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray

MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White

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BEACH SPRING

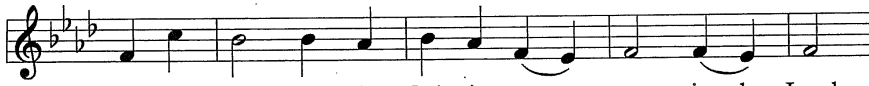
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THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

## 2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

### *Refrain*



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. —

WORDS: Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:4-6)  
MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

ST. BRENDAN'S  
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To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glo-ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the  
 2. O per - fect re-demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev-ery be-  
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re-

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
 liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who  
 joic-ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er, and

tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the life-gate that all may go in.  
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo-ment from Je - sus a pardon re - ceives.  
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the

Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo-ple re - joice! O come to the Fa-ther thru

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo-ry, great things he hath done!