

# RED HOOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Stephen Ernst



## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 17, 2020, Year A 10:30 am

PRELUDE: Trust and Obey; Daniel Brink Towner, Julianna O'Leary

PARTICIPANTS: Randy Stewart, Pastor Nan Ernst and Julianna O'Leary

WELCOME: Pastor Steve

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Today's alter flowers are offered by Julianna O'Leary in memory of her husband, Thomas O'Leary in celebration of his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. "Happy Birthday Thomas"

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God made the world and everyone in it. **Our life and breath come from God.**

God made all nations under heaven. **We are all God's offspring.**

Search for God in our time of worship. **When we search, we find God near.** †

## OPENING PRAYER

**Hear our prayers, O God, as we come to sing your praises. Bless us with your steadfast love, in times of peace and in times of trial. Make your presence known to us this day, for we seek to know you better. Enliven us with your Spirit of truth, and increase our faith, even as we place our hope and trust in you. Amen.** †

OPENING HYMN: **Easter People, Raise Your Voices** UMH 304

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**The Spirit of truth dwells among us. Bask in this awareness. In the Lord, we live and breathe and have our being. Rest in this presence.** †

SCRIPTURE READING: **Psalm 66:8-20** Old Testament 528-529

\*GOSPEL READING: **John 14:15-21** New Testament 109

After reading:

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

SERMON: Testing or Blessing Pastor Steve

SONG: East of Eden; Stephen J. Ernst , Pastor Steve

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and PARDON

**Sometimes, O God, your ways are a mystery to us. When we cry out in desperation, we don't really expect you to hear our prayers. When we suffer for doing the right thing, it just seems like par for the course. When we deny or doubt your presence, forgive us, O God. Make your presence known to us and receive our prayers and praise, as those who long to feel your presence. Amen.** †

*(Time of silence)*

The Spirit of truth abides with you and will be with you. Because the Lord lives, you also will live. Love God and receive God's abiding love. †

HYMN: **Breathe on Me, Breath of God** UMH 420

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**God of love, you are present in all things. Be present to a hurting world in these gifts. Help us use this offering to create a community of love and a place of belonging for all people. Help us reach those who seek, and those who doubt. Use these gifts to help people know the blessings of being your beloved children.** †

HYMN: **Surely the Presence of the Lord** UMH 328

## BENEDICTION

Go in the name of God, the one who created all the nations of the earth. Go in the name of Christ, the one who abides in love and abides in you. Go in the name of the Spirit of truth, the one who advocates for you and guides you. Amen. †

\*POSTLUDE: May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You; Meredith Wilson, 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  
914-329-7597; Pastor.stephen.ernst@gmail.com**

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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, Julien: pray for sweet sleep,  
Phyllis Keeler, Nicole Lewellyn, Kathy Lunger, Maria Martins,  
Sofia Anna Morgan, 15 yr. old, autistic and diagnosed with schizophrenia,  
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.**

# Easter People, Raise Your Voices 304

1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in  
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing  
3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -

earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;  
here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to  
rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er

heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!  
tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.  
Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.  
Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

# Surely the Presence of the Lord 328

D F#m Gmaj9 Em

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place;

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chord symbols D, F#m, Gmaj9, and Em are placed above the treble staff.

A7 D G/D

I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace.

Detailed description: This system contains the second two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chord symbols A7, D, and G/D are placed above the treble staff.

A7 D F#m

I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings,

Detailed description: This system contains the third two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chord symbols A7, D, and F#m are placed above the treble staff.

Gmaj9 Em

I see glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the

Detailed description: This system contains the fourth two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chord symbols Gmaj9 and Em are placed above the treble staff.

A7 Em7 A7 D

pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chord symbols A7, Em7, A7, and D are placed above the treble staff.