

# RED HOOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Stephen Ernst



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 6, 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: Lois Chenkus

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Red Hook UMC, Healing and Prayer Service – September 12, 2020, 10 am,  
Guest Speaker – Joan Murray.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Please stand*

Praise the Lord! **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

Let all God's children rejoice. **Clap your hands and praise God with dancing.**

Shout for joy and praise God with music. **For God brings justice to the peoples.**

God brings judgment upon the powerful. **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

Let all God's children rejoice. †

OPENING PRAYER

**God of love and judgment, when the Egyptians enslaved your people, your love set them free; when rulers oppress the poor and powerless, your judgment brings peace and justice to the land. Reach our minds, O God, that we may fulfill your law of love. Touch our hearts, Holy One, that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Amen. †**

OPENING HYMN: **We Are Called** verse 1 TFWS 2172

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

**The love of God brings peace to our lives. The judgment of God brings peace to our world. Listen to the Word, the two edged Sword. †**

SCRIPTURE READING: **Exodus 12:1-14** Old Testament 58

**Psalms 149** Old Testament 583

\*GOSPEL READING: *Please stand* **Matthew 18:15-20** New Testament 20

After reading:

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

SERMON: What Shall We Release? Pastor Steve

SONG: Break Every Chain; Will Reagan, Pastor Steve, Dave Moore

PRAYER OF YEARNING AND ASSURANCE

**Merciful God, help us become the people you have created us to be. We yearn to build communities of love, but it is easier to tear down than to build up. We long for the healing of the nations, but it is easier to harm than to heal. We want to bear our grief with dignity, but it is satisfying to parade our wounds for all to see. Bind up our spirits, Gracious One, that we might reconcile with those who have caused us pain. Help us cast aside the things that chain our spirits, that we might be free to care for one another and fulfill your law of love. Amen. †**

*(Time of silence)*

Hear the words of Jesus: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

As we gather to fulfill the law of love, Christ is here to make us whole. †

HYMN: **We Are Called** verse 2 TFWS 2172

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**In celebration of their deliverance from slavery, the Hebrew people offered you their worship and their praise. May the offering we bring before you this day be a sign of our celebration of your saving love and your never-failing grace. Just as Passover stands as a perpetual observance of your love and care, so may our weekly offering be a perpetual observance of your love in our lives. Amen. †**

HYMN: **We Are Called** verse 3 TFWS 2172

BENEDICTION:

God has put a new song in our hearts. **We go to sing a new song to the Lord.**

God has put a song of justice and peace in our souls. **We go to bring a new song to the world.**

God has put a song of joy in our very being. **We go to live a new song with every step we take! †**

\*POSTLUDE: Trust and Obey, 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, Doris, 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, the family of 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.**

**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

# We Are Called

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1. Come! Live in the light! \_\_\_\_\_ Shine with the  
2. Come! O - pen your heart! \_\_\_\_\_ Show your  
3. Sing! Sing a new song! \_\_\_\_\_ Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
great day when all will be one! God will reign, \_\_\_\_\_ and we'll



light for the king - dom, to live in the free - dom of the  
hope for the hope - less so all ha - tred and blind - ness will  
walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth - ers u -

## Refrain



cit - y of God! \_\_\_\_\_  
be no more! \_\_\_\_\_ We are called to act with  
nit - ed in love! \_\_\_\_\_



jus - tice, \_\_\_\_\_ we are called to love ten - der - ly, \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ we are called to serve one an - oth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ to



walk hum - bly with God! \_\_\_\_\_