

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

April 25, 2021



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation.*



Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and
*In Loving Memory of my Parents, Edwin and Ellen Brown
Presented by Sharon and Calvin Keeler, Jr*

*In Honor of the 85th birthday of Doris Jarrell
Presented with love from her great grandchildren, Tori, Alli, Grant,
Austin, Cooper, Jaylee, Daylin, Joshua, Oliver and Hailey*

	Participating in Service
Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Director of Music:	Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Don Pruden
Live Stream Team:	Richard Browne, Bill Clark, Reed Williams
Ushers:	Dorothy Towery, Sherri Hodgson
Song Leader:	Laurel Wirtz
Hand Bell Ensemble:	Mark Clausing, Carolyn Wilhelm, Rick Browne, Pastor Mary Browne, Maria Gillette, Beth Jackson and Laurel Wirtz

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,...
I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also,
and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd." John 10:14,16.*

April 25, 2021

10:00 AM

GATHERING

CENTERING MUSIC

"Praeludium C-Dur"

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Jesus is our Shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus is our Shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus is our Shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 136) "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

CROMOND

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.

**He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.**

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit,
help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days
of our lives; in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Laudate"
Good Chimes Handbell Ensemble

Jason W. Krug

MESSAGE

"Listen to My Voice"

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (UMH 454) "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

**Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

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 forever. Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE UMCOR HYGIENE KITS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"O Worship the King"
Good Chimes Handbell Ensemble

arr. Sandra Eithun

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(UMH 95)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen**

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Shepherd of love, bless these gifts with the power and presence of your love.
May your love bring healing to a world in need of your touch.
May your grace bring hope to a world in need of your promise.
And may our love be a sign, for all to see, that you, who are love,
are present in the world today. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN (UMH 408)

"The Gift of Love"

GIFT OF LOVE

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift of all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.**

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd, and let us love, not just in words,
but in truth and action.

Believe in the name of Jesus Christ, and love one another,
just as he has commanded us.

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will,

working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Amen.

Please be seated

SENDING FORTH

"Fuge C Dur"

J. S. Bach

*Please remain seated until the SENDING FORTH is concluded
and you are dismissed by an usher.
You will be dismissed by rows, starting at the back of the sanctuary.*

**please stand, in body or spirit*

bold text indicates congregation response

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit. ††

*UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS: The Faith We Sing hymnal supplement*

Lectionary Scriptures for the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**, May 2, 2021

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Our Prayers



Becky +++ Michele Berk +++++ Brantley ++ Ralph Crossan Joanne Dobies Jennifer Evans + Doris Joyce Evans + Jamie +	Kaitlyn Kay +++ Janet Kelley +++++ Sharon Kelley Carrie Mack ++ Kerry Mullin Gary Pierce Shui Salam + Steven + Wendy + Diane Woodman	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Jade August Barbara Anna Marie Beasom Donald Bogert Clara Brelsford Roy Brown Judy Crescenzo Frieda Crossan Ruth Dore Victoria “Bo” Fulton Ken Johnson	Kristin Louise Pierce Curtis Reedy Denise Reedy Jeannette Richart Olivia Richart Zach Trexler Josh Vible Alex Wiant
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In an effort to list all prayer requests each will appear for 4 weeks as indicated by the number of + after the name

Please pray for family and friends of Jake (Nancy William’s family).

Please pray for all Law Enforcement Officers.

**Please continue to remember all who serve our country in the military,
especially pray for those represented from our congregation.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets every Tuesday at 9:30am in the Room 204.



Attention Graduates! If you or someone in your family is graduating this spring please contact the church office and let us know the graduates name, school graduating from and future plans.

Pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Pinwheels for Prevention began as a grassroots campaign in Georgia, Florida and Ohio. Their success and a desire to create a national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention led to this effort nationwide.



In 2015, Prevent Child Abuse Delaware, along with state chapters throughout the country, adopted a new logo – the pinwheel. A pinwheel represents the whimsical notion of childhood and reminds us that every child deserves the chance at having a healthy and happy childhood.

Keep an eye out for pinwheels throughout Delaware! We ordered pinwheels to display at church and for church members to take home. They are available in the Narthex. Help us spread the message about the power of prevention through the visual recognition of pinwheels throughout the community.

Remember...a pinwheel also needs wind to move forward, and with our actions and our intention, **we can be that wind.**

Refreshing Spring Review

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD. (Psalm 122:1).'"
We are grateful and delighted that more people are feeling comfortable with attending worship in person as the percentage of our congregation members and friends who are vaccinated increases. Here are a few reminders of the caring safety protocols we have had in place in compliance with the current guidelines issued by the state of Delaware:

*masks must be worn in the building at all times.

*at your assigned seat, please sit where your bulletin has been placed. This helps maintain 6 feet social distancing to those seated diagonally from you in the pew in front of or behind you.

*please use only the outside aisles for entering or leaving the sanctuary. If your assigned seat is on the end of a pew along the center aisle, use the outside aisle to the front of the sanctuary and cross to the center aisle, please do not cross through a pew.

*do not gather or linger in the Narthex before or after the service. If you want to chat with someone, please do so outside the building.

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!

Website: www.EbenezerUMCNewark.org and **Facebook:** [Ebenezer UMC Newark](https://www.facebook.com/EbenezerUMCNewark).

If you have information about an event which you would like featured on the website, please contact Lori Brown loribrown927@msn.com, or Rick Browne at rbrowne646@gmail.com.



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