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May 8, 2022

9:30 AM

"We are a community in Christ, called to act with love toward our neighbors."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

EXPRESSING OUR LOVE

(As we prepare for worship, we invite quiet contemplation of the Living God.)

**For those who are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT #305 (UCC-Red) "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN #252** (NCH-Black) "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

***SONG OF PRAISE #338** (UCC-red) (Gloria Patri)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

GOD MOMENT

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 21: 1-19
Acts 9: 1-20

THE CHILD IN US ALL

(Teachers and classes leave for Church School)

SERMON

“Holy Shepherd, Holy Lamb”

HYMN #279 (UCC-Red)

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR GIFTS (Please send pledges & donations to the church via mail or use online giving.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

***SONG OF PRAISE HYMN #780** Doxology (NCH – Black)

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, by your grace you bring us together as your family, each contributing to make a thriving, vibrant community together. We thank you for the rich variety of gifts that we can offer in your name. Amen.

***HYMN #319** (NCH-Black)

“Sing Them Over Again to Me”

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #812 (NCH-Black) “Threefold Amen”

Amen, Amen, Amen

POSTLUDE

WE EXTEND THE HAND of Christian fellowship to all who have come to worship in this Welcoming, Open and Affirming congregation. May our prayers and the hearing of God’s Word make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed.
If you are visiting for the first time, we welcome you.

To join our online live worship service for each Sunday at 9:30 A.M., go to the church website, www.fccuccspfdvt.org. Click on Worship on the black bar under the picture of the church. Click on the Facebook link. Click on the arrow of the live video.
Nursery care (up to 3 years old) and church school are offered during the worship hour. If you are not sure where to find this service, please speak to an usher.

OUR THANKS to Kyle Washburn and all who participated in our service this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Jill Markert in honor of Mother's Day.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED! Please call Cynthia King, 885-5831, if you would like to sign up for flowers.

THINKING ABOUT JOINING? We'll welcome new members on Sunday, May 15! See Pastor Michael for details on joining.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE:

Those words can mean most anything. Would you or someone you know benefit from prayers, home visits, help with shopping, rides to appointments, prepared meals, food to help you over a hard time? If you have such a need, or know someone who does, please contact one of the Congregational Care co-chairs. Claire Trask at 886-7377.

PRAYER LIST

Family of Neil Martin	Ruth and Dan Kelin
Ginny Blais	Marion Lerandean
Claire Hatch	Vaughn Hadwen
Family of David Regan	
All others in need	

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!

May 8	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	9:30 AM
May 10	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	7:00 PM
May 11	Leadership Council	4:00 PM
May 12	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	10:00 AM
May 15	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	9:30 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
PASTOR'S HOURS

Tues. & Wed. 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

STAFF

Pastor: Michael Mario
Administrative Assistant: Judy Lasell
Sexton: Todd Murray

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