

SENECA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Zayzay Gwepougee Kpadeh

Worship Leader: Dave Grau

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Prelude - George Wilbur

Announcements and Welcome

Invocation (in unison):

Receive, God in heaven our prayer of thanks, for we are a most privileged people. You have shared with us your life. You have given us an earth on which we live. You have given us food, clothing, and shelter. You have given us family and friends. You have given us Jesus Christ. What more can we ask? Only that you hear our prayers and smile upon our grateful worship.

Greeting of Christian Fellowship

Ministry of the Acolytes and Time of Preparation

Praise Songs "Be Still for the Presence" - Debbie Stoltz - 252 (Red Praise Book)

"What a Mighty God We Serve" - 248 (Red Praise Book)

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus is the good shepherd

People: **With Him we have nothing to fear.**

Leader: Jesus is the door

People: **Through Him we enter the kingdom of God.**

Leader: Jesus is the cornerstone

People: **Upon Him we can build for eternity. Amen.**

*Hymn "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" - 511 (P)

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Some of us, Lord, have lost our sense of your presence. Yes – we have gathered here in this church building, and we may have greeted each other with a smile when we entered – but there is an emptiness, a sense of loss within us. We haven't prayed much lately; but when we did, it didn't seem like we were getting through. We suspect that the one who has wandered is not you, but ourselves. As the Good Shepherd, seek us out, call us back from our wanderings, and restore us to the security of your fold.

Words of Assurance:

Hear the words of the Good Shepherd: "The thief comes only to steal and to kill and destroy; I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Special Music "I Need Thee Every Hour/My Jesus I Love Thee" - Deb Osberg

Scripture Lesson Psalm 23

Time for Tots - Vennie Franke

Offertory

*Doxology/Response of Praise

Prayers of the People

*Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 2:19-25

*Hymn "My Jesus, I Love Thee"/His Name Is Wonderful" - 172/174 (P)

Sermon "Guardian of the Soul" - Rev. Dr. Zayzay Gwepougee Kpadeh

*LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn of Response "Bless Be the Tie That Binds" - 557 (P)

Blessing of the Blankets

*Benediction

*Response "God Be With You till We Meet Again" - 672 (P)

*Postlude

(*Indicates when the congregation is welcome to stand, if able)

TODAY: - SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:00 – 9:45 A.M. - WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 A.M.

TODAY -- CHOIR PRACTICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH

MONDAY – MAY 1ST – LADIES BIBLE STUDY – 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY – MAY 2ND – ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MTG. – 6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY – MAY 3RD – BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY – MAY 7TH – CHOIR PICNIC

PLEASE NOTE: We are still in need of a Sunday School teacher for 3-4 grade. If you are interested in being a blessing to these children, please talk with Wendy Struthers.

DONATION OPPORTUNITY: We are collecting gently used stuffed animals to be given as prizes for the church carnival that will be held on June 10th, 2023. Items may be placed in the collection box in the Narthex. Also: Dishes, cups, glasses or anything that can be used for the penny pitch game at VBS. Thank you!

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PLEASE SAY A PRAYER FOR:

Mary Ann Kaminske, Long-term Care Facility Staff, Peggy Mathers, Gerry Stivanson, US Military Men & Women, Katie Welms, Dot Wilson, Ruth Wilson, Fred & Judy Ziegler, Minnie Weaver

Paul Van Slyke, Gloria Frum, Joe Lockhart, Carol Snyder, Dale Walter, Marilyn Brody, Joyce Riddle, Mike Russell, Tim Roxberry, Don Bacher, Emily Anderson, Hunter Anderson, Tim Anderson, June Anderson, Kathy Tinker, Kayla Holtz, Vennie & Burt Franke, Sue Lindey, Shirley Schwab, Tammy Grau, Bob Stahlman family, Sam Cheadle Pastor Zayzay & family as they prepare to transition to a new appointment

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Zayzay G. Kpadeh

Ministers: Congregation

Organist: George Wilbur

Pianist: George Wilbur

Children's Church: Wendy Struthers



Monthly Memory Verse: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation – Colossians 1:15*

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