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*Rooted in the Evangelical and
Reformed Traditions*

*We are Sowing Seeds of Hope in a
Time of Chaos*

So We May All Be One

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.



April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Outdoor Drive-In Service: 8:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Service: 11:00 a.m.



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Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

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Announcements & Greeting

Prelude “Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring” Bach Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** “Be Thou My Vision” **No. 595**

(8 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

- 2) **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

- 4) **Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Like the disciples who met the risen Christ,

People: **we come hoping for unexpected appearances of God's love.**

Leader: We come with our questions and doubts, and listen for Christ to appear in our midst saying:

People: **“Peace be with you.”**

Leader: “Touch me and see who I am” says Jesus: We look around at the lives of our relatives, our friends, and our neighbors, and seek the power of the risen Christ at work there, offering peace, offering hope, offering courage, offering transformation.

All: **We are witnesses to the tangible love of Jesus! Come, let us worship!**

***Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Preparation**

All: God, you are present beyond the bounds of Creation and yet as close to us as our breath. You know that our lives are filled with distractions big and small. We confess that like the disciples we are easily scared by the unknown. We are overcome with worry about illness, unemployment, our children, and the travails of the world at large. In our most vulnerable moments, we demand that you answer us when we cry out to you. And yet we often do not listen for you or seek your unexpected, grace-filled presence in our trouble. Forgive us for our selfish demands. Be gracious to us and hear the longing to be found beneath and within our prayers. Remind us that your light shines toward us in all moments of life. Give us eyes to see the light of your face shining on us, O God. Let us feel the gladness you have placed in each of our hearts – more plentiful than grain and wine – and let us live out of that glad confidence. In our waking and in our slumber, give us peace. We pray these things in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, who taught us to say together ...

****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 debts, As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

***Gloria Patri**

No. 35

**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 with-out end. Amen. Amen.**

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

No. 306

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee” Morris

Scripture

Acts 4:5-12

Scripture

John 10:11-18

Sermon

“You are witnesses ...”

Rev. Dr. Alan Baughcum

Hymn (11:00 a.m.)

“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”

No. 80

- 1) **My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.
You bring my wand’ring spirit back, when I forsake your ways;
you lead me for your mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.**
- 2) **When through the shades of death I walk, your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.**
- 3) **Your sure provisions, gracious God, attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come,
no more a stranger, nor a guest but like a child at home.**

Invitation for Generosity and Faithful Giving

***Doxology**

No. 46

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

***Prayer of Dedication (*adapted from Isaiah 58:11-12*)**

**All: You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use
these tithes and offerings for your glory. Let your church be a
spring whose waters never fail; and let your people be repairers of
the breach and restorers of streets to live in. We pray in Christ's
name.**

***Closing Hymn**

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (8 a.m. Verses 1 & 4) No. 233

- 1) **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love.
Alleluia! Praise the Savior; with the multitudes above,
There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood,
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”**

- 2) **Alleluia! Not as orphans we are left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! Christ is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were
o'er, shall our hearts forget the promise, "I am with you evermore"?**
- 3) **Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, be on earth our food and stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

***Benediction**

***Please join us in the singing of the Congregational Benediction**

**Go Now In Peace/Never be afraid/God will go with you/Each hour of ev'ry
Day/Go now in Faith/Steadfast, strong and true/Know He will guide you in
all you do. Go now in Love/And show you believe/Reach out to others/So
all the world can see/God will be there/Watching from above/Go now in
Peace/In Faith and in Love. Amen/Amen/Amen. CCL#2548454**

Postlude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Traditional Todd Baldosser

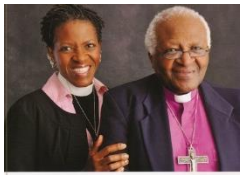
Lectionary Readings for April 14 through April 20
Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; John 10:11-18

To our dear friends and visitors:

You are an important part of the worship and ministry that goes on here and we are thankful for your presence. Please sign the attendance pads on the tables. Thank you!

Welcome Back

We welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Baughcum back to our church today. Rev. Baughcum will be bringing us the message at both of our services today and through the month of April.



You are welcome to attend the book study group as we renew our meetings in April. We will meet on Thursdays April 4, 11, 18, and 25 at the River Road Coffee House on North Park Place in downtown Newark at 11 a.m. The book we will be discussing is “Made for Goodness” by Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho Tutu. Archbishop Tutu was instrumental in the fight to rid South Africa of apartheid and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984. The book is available in paperback and online.

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The Little Free pantry is for everyone. Anyone can donate what they have to give and anyone can take what they need.



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GRADUATION SUNDAY – May 19, 2024

Do you know of someone who is graduating from high school or college this spring? We would like to invite them to join us on Sunday, May 19, 2024 to celebrate the momentous event.

Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office by May 5, 2024!

Name _____

Parents/Church Family _____

Graduating from _____

Degree _____

Plans for the future _____

Additional information to share _____

Join us



Let's come together and pray for our church and our new pastor, whoever that maybe. This will be silent and self-led prayer time. Come when you can, leave when you need to. Pray for few minutes or longer.

Following the 8AM service and again before the 11AM service.



General Prayers:

Barbara McKee, Judy Goodman & the family of Vicky McGee.



Homebound and Nursing Facility

Residents: Mel Cunningham, Jeanette Morris, Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith Kelly, Delores and Harold McDonald, Harriett Applegate, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Charles & Lois Meyers, Irmgard Rhodes, Molly Sheets & Lois Swonger.



Additional prayer requests on Bea's Blessings:

Andrew Ackerman is going to have to have open heart surgery
The Turban Project & Newborns In Need Program – looking for a new home
Tracy Chapin - for Grace and Mercy – is backing off on her treatments.
Samantha Swartz – Health Concerns

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

Diane Reef

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Jeff Conner,
Larry Jones, Terry Gano,
Mike Dooley, Barry Dooley

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

Bible Discovery Zone:

Brian Lensink/Karson Ewing

Media Worship Team:

Sound:

8:00 am: Charlie Bruah

Sound & Video:

11:00 am: Mike Dooley/Tom Lawyer

Sunday: April 14, 2024

- 8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
- 11:00 am Sanctuary Service
- 11:00 am Bible Discovery Zone

Wednesday:

6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus Practice

Thursday:

- 11:00 am Book Study Group at River Road Coffee on the square.
- 7:00 pm Thursday Prayer Service live streamed on St. John's Facebook page and uploaded on You Tube. The link is available on our church website stjohnsnewark.org

Sunday: April 21, 2024

- 8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 am Sanctuary Service
- 11:00 am Bible Discovery Zone

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of April 7, 2024	<u>1,696.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 3,144.42)
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	<u>- 8,968.20</u>
Donations still needed	\$ 17,685.99

ATTENDANCE

Report for Sunday, April 7, 2024

- 8:00 am - 28 11:00 am - 51
- 4/7/24 Sunday Live Stream Views – 126
- 4/4/24 Thursday Prayer Service Views - 68

Live streaming is now available on Facebook. If you missed the Live stream, you can watch a replay anytime on our YouTube or Facebook pages. Links for both of these sites can be found on our church website at www.stjohnsnewark.org

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday- 9 am -12 pm. Please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a message to make any additional appointments or call/text Anita 740-973-8218. Thank you!