

**COME WORSHIP THE LORD!**



**PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS**

*(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts.)*

*"Many in our congregations have grown older and yet are not one inch farther up the mountain than on that day when the sun first arose on them in conversion. In fact, some are not even as far advanced along the way with God as they were a few years ago. If these things are true, I can only conclude that there are "common" Christians, men and women who no longer hear the Lord speaking to them as they should. Can they really think that this halfway Christian life is the best that we can know? In the face of what Christ offers us, how can we settle for so little? It is a tragedy of our time that so many are settling for less than the Lord is willing to give!" -- A.W. Tozer*

**WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**April Scripture: (Eph 1:18-19)**

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.*

**PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in.

**Ministers: Come to me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest.**

P: The hour is coming, and now is when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

**M: For such the Father seeks to worship Him.**

**INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)**

O God, we pray this day for sincerity in our worship, that we may persistently seek the things that endure, refusing those which perish, and that, in the midst of things vanishing and deceptive we may see the truth steadily, follow it be comfortable in what we know, but always seeking greater wisdom and faith for ourselves and for one another. May we grow richer in the ways portrayed by Jesus our Christ, who has offered life and taught us to pray, our Father ...

**\*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.*

**\*THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN:** "I Cannot Tell"

**\*OLD TESTAMENT:** 1 Kings 3:4-14; 4:29-31

**Hymnal #805**

**Insert Bible p.329**

**PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**MISSION MOMENT:** 2024 VBS: Breaker Rock Beach

**OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER** (Matthew 25:21)

*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'*

**OFFERTORY:** The Sherman Church Choir

*(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)*

**\*DOXOLOGY:**

*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*

**Hymnal #808**

**\*HYMN:** "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

**Hymnal #298**

**PREACHING THE WORD**

**\*GOSPEL:** Ephesians 1:15-23

**SERMON:** "Made for More: God's Plan – Part 2"

**Bible p.1156**

**PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST**

**\*HYMN:** "Renew Your Church, Her Ministries Restore"

**Hymnal #725**

**\*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

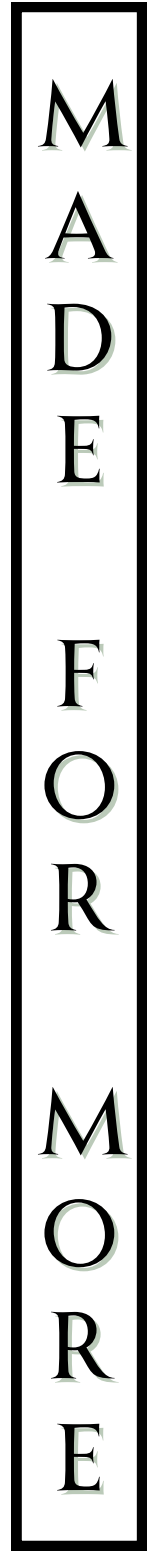
*(\*Congregation, please stand if able.)*

*(\*\* We use grape juice)*



**FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP**



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Eliza Capehart, serving in the United States Air Force.
- John Langworthy, back injury.
- Brian Barnier, health.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Nicole Thorp, health.
- Amos Munch, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Willis Stephens, (Jon Stephens' father), health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Jill Finch, health
- Betty Beatty, health
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Mark Gerber, health
- Penny LeMasurier, health

## OUR MISSIONARIES:

Nic & Christy Brenner; Robert & Nina Bruneau; 4C Church Planting; Lion of Judah Academy.

**DEACONS** of the church are always available to meet with you, pray with you, and hear your concerns.

## PRAYER TEAM

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry at the Sherman Church.

A Prayer Team meets every Thursday to pray for our Church Family.

If you have an immediate prayer concern, please call or email the church office or the Pastor. We will share the need with the Prayer Team.

**FIRE EXITS** are located at the rear of the sanctuary through the double doors and at the front through the doors on both sides of the altar.

## DONATIONS FOR THE VETERANS HOSPITAL

The church continues collecting items for the Veterans Hospital in West Haven. There is a list of needed items in the Fellowship Hall.

**HOPELINE** is in need of several items. Please bring them to church and place them in the basket in the narthex.

**(List of needed items is in the Narthex)**

## THE SHERMAN CHURCH

A MEMBER CHURCH OF  
THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE  
6 Church Road | Sherman, CT 06784  
860-354-6114  
info@shermanchurch.org | Shermanchurch.org

## UPCOMING:

### Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday. 10:00 a.m.

### Third Thursday Prayer

Apr. 18th at 7:00 pm

### Hearts and Crafts

May 20th, 9:00 am



# THE SHERMAN CHURCH

*April 21, 2024*

# APRIL MISSION MOMENT

## THIS YEAR'S VBS THEME!

April's Mission Moment is dedicated to this year's VBS Week.

Breaker Rock Beach Vacation Bible School begins Monday, June 17th. We are blessed to have special guests Abby Henderson, Chloe Burns, and Harper Knapp lead VBS and help our children to study God's Word. Abby, Chloe, and Harper are high school students who are active members of Walnut Hill Church in Bethel. They have embraced leadership roles at Walnut Hill, volunteered for Mission trips, and attended and volunteered at Walnut Hill's VBS through the years.

Kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock!

VBS brings energy to our church in a way nothing else can. It's fun for kids, and it's great for families. You'll see conversations about Jesus happen in a natural setting and hearts changed for an eternity.

In addition to daily worship and scripture, kids will participate in singing, dancing, arts & crafts, games, recreational time, and snacks. VBS will run from Monday, June 17th through Friday, June 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will celebrate on Friday with a potluck lunch and fellowship with the children and their families.

VBS is FREE to children ages 5-12.



## OUR CHURCH:

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. John Loring Carpenter, Interim Pastor
<b>Ministers:</b>	The Congregation
<b>Minister of Music:</b>	Carolyn Kopsick
<b>Moderator:</b>	Edna Coons
<b>Chair of Deacons:</b>	Charles Mastroni
<b>Co-Chair of Trustees:</b>	Don Coons and Lynn Paulovicks
<b>Flowers:</b>	Anna Galasso
<b>Announcements:</b>	Aimee Suhie
<b>Prayers of the People:</b>	Jill Finch
<b>Reader:</b>	Aimee Suhie
<b>Greeter:</b>	Debbie Thorp
<b>Coffee Hour Host:</b>	Ken and Cindy Moschitta
<b>Nursery:</b>	Anna Galasso
<b>Usher:</b>	Paul Voorhees

## CALENDAR

**April 21 - April 27, 2024**

(Links for online meetings may be found at [shermanchurch.org](http://shermanchurch.org))

### SUNDAY:

**WORSHIP SERVICES** at 10:00 A.M. (Also Live Streamed)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### WEDNESDAY:

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 10:00 AM - Fellowship Hall

**CHURCH COUNCIL** at 6:00 P.M. - Online

**AA** at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

### THURSDAY:

**PRAYER IN THE PARLOR** at 6:45 P.M

Dial-in Number: 667-770-1484; when prompted access code 357664#.

**AA** at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

# 2024 ANNUAL GATHERING - THE GREAT MULTITUDE

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." (Revelation 7:9-10)



Rev. Matthew P. John,  
Senior Pastor,  
Lake Avenue Church -  
Pasadena

The theme of this year's Annual Gathering is centered on our value of "A Membership Reflective of the Harvest Field's Diversity". It is our desire to impact our current generation with the message of the Gospel. We are confident that this will lead to a more diverse membership, with churches and pastors who are younger and represent new ethnic groups coming to our country.

The theme scripture reminds us that our focus as a Christ-centered Congregational Conference remains the same, even as our membership becomes more diverse.



Rev. Ron Hamilton  
Conference Minister,  
CCCC

July 30-August 2, 2024  
Crowne Plaza - Warwick, Rhode Island

Register NOW online: [cccusa.com](http://cccusa.com)  
EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT ENDS JUNE 30th.

**NEXT WEEK:** We continue our sermon series, a walk through the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. The first chapters outline God's plan for every believer. The last three chapters speak to the implication of this plan – the church as a reflection of the Kingdom. Next Sunday we look at Ephesians 2:1-10.

SAVE THESE DATES  
**THURSDAY, MAY 2nd**



**National Day of Prayer**, an annual observance throughout our country praying for God's wisdom and guidance for our nation's leaders. We will have a special service of prayer starting at 6:00 PM.

## VBS REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP ARE NOW OPEN!

**BREAKER ROCK BEACH**

**VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

*Sign up today!*

Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock! Kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love.

### IN NEED OF ALL THINGS "BEACHY"

As we get ready for another amazing VBS journey, VBS - Breaker Rock Beach, is in need of anything "Beachy". Since our theme is BREAKER ROCK BEACH, can you look and see if you can help us with any items that you would see on a beach/beach theme?

Coolers, umbrellas, decor, etc.

# I Cannot Tell

*And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory,  
glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

*F/G C /E F*

1. I can - not tell why He, whom an - gels wor - ship,  
2. I can - not tell how si - lent - ly He suf - fered,  
3. I can - not tell when He will win the na - tions,  
4. I can - not tell how all the lands shall wor - ship,

*C/E Am7 G*

should set His love up - on the sons of men, or why, as  
as with His peace He graced this place of tears, or how His  
when He will claim His her - i - tage of earth, or sat - is -  
when at His bid - ding eve - ry storm is stilled, or who can

*C C7 F C/G*

Shep - herd, He should seek the wan - d'ers to bring them back,  
heart up - on the cross was bro - ken, the crown of pain  
fy the cries and crush - ing sor - rows of east and west,  
say how great the ju - bi - la - tion when eve - ry heart

*Gsus7 C F C G/F*

they know not how or when. But this I know, that He was born of  
to three and thir - ty years. But this I know: He heals the bro - ken -  
of those who have new birth. But this I know: all flesh shall see His  
with love and joy is filled. But this I know: the skies will thrill with

*Em Am F C/E F Gsus*

Mar - y when Beth - l'hem's man - ger was His on - ly home,  
heart - ed and stays our sin, and calms our faith - less fear,  
glo - ry, and He shall reap the har - vest He has sown,  
rap - ture, and myr - iad ran - somed sons and daught - ers sing,

*C F /D Em Am*

and that He lived at Naz - a - reth and la - bored,  
and lifts the bur - den from the heav - y - lad - en;  
and some glad day His light will shine in splen - dor  
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will an - swer,

*C/G Gsus7 C*

and so the Sav - ior, Sav - ior of the world, is come.  
for still the pres - ence of the Com - for - ter is here.  
when He, the Sav - ior, Sav - ior of the world, is known.  
"At last the Sav - ior, Sav - ior of the world, is King!"

# **SERMON NOTES**

April 21, 2024

Ephesians 1:15-23

Why is Paul praying for Ephesus Christians?

What is Paul praying for? The Content of Prayer.

Prayer's Reminder of Whose we are.

What is the church in God's Plan?

God's Reign, Our Inheritance, Our Calling