

**NEWFIELDS
COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
An open and affirming church



WELCOME to WORSHIP

United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist, United
Church of Christ

March 03, 2024

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

We worship together as one body. Different yet united. Please take a moment to recognize those gathered around you and offer one another a sign of God's peace.

*(Astirik) Please stand in body or spirit

BOLD Print - please read together.

Picture by Louise Williams

AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Psalm 19

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from Psalm 19)

ONE: Come into this sacred space to worship God

MANY: whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.

ONE: Come into this holy place to worship God

MANY: whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear; whose judgements are true.

ONE: Come with holy fear – to be given life, and made wise, to have your heart stirred and your

eyes opened wide. Come — let us worship God.

MANY: Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts be according to your will, O God. Amen. *written by Jeff Shrowder*

***OPENING HYMN:** “Gather Us In”

Chalice #284

***OPENING PRAYER:**

ONE: Your glory, O God is declared in the holy silence of the heavens, and told in the silent succession of day and night.

MANY: No speech, or word or voice is heard; yet they speak to all the world, and their words reach to the ends of the earth.

ONE: The sun joyfully leaps across the sky, from one end of the heavens to the farthest reaches, and nothing is hidden from its heat or light.

MANY: So nothing that we do or say or whisper in our hearts is hidden from you, Lord God.

ONE: Release us from darkness we hide deep within our lives.

MANY: Let our lives be radiant with holy fear; delighting in your teaching, receiving insight from your commandments and wisdom from your encouraging.

ONE: Enliven our desire for your everlasting judgements over wealth or fame:

MANY: to enjoy the sweet drippings of the honeycomb, that are to be found in right relationship

with those around us, and with you. Amen. *written by
Jeff Shrowder*

OT READING: “Exodus 20: 1-21”

NT READING: “1 Corinthians 1: 18-19,25”

ONE: This is the word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE: “The Law of the Lord”

by Rev. Cheryl Stromski

HYMN: “Oh God of Vision”

Chalice #288

COMMUNION

INVITATION:

ONE: The Holy One be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Open your hearts.

MANY: We open our hearts to you, O God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to God, an Abiding Presence.

**MANY: To the One who companions us through all things,
we give thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

God of Persistence, though you have been betrayed many times, you still do not give up on love. Evil is relentless but so, too, is your belief in us, in our ability to be transformed. To turn from dominance. To mend and repair where harm has been done. May we, too, believe in our potential for co-creating with you a future of flourishing for all life. We give thanks for this meal, a reminder of your unending grace and abiding companionship. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**...Our Father/Mother 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**

GRATITUDE AND DEPARTURE

OFFERING OPPORTUNITY: “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”
Af. Am. Spiritual

***DOXOLOGY:** Chalice #46
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above you heavenly host. Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***OFFERING OF OUR GRATITUDE:** God you love us so much. Help us to know your love and to share it with others. Use these gifts, we pray to continue your work of compassion in this world. In Jesus' name we ask, Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE:** “Go now in Peace”

Chalice #437

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

If you have a need for prayer, please reach out to Pam Hollis @ pamelajoyce071@gmail.com or call 603-498-3664 - or contact any one of the team.

A HUGE thank you to Susan Young and her cleaning company:
“CLEAN BY THE SEA, LLC”
for keeping our church sparkling!

HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

COFFEE HOUR

All are welcome to join us downstairs for light refreshments and coffee.

Thank you to all those who bring goodies!!

CRIBBAGE

Every Thursday at 10:00-12:00 in Fellowship Hall. All levels are welcome.

TRUSTEE MEETING

Fri. March 8 1:30pm

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

BEGINS -March 10

PALM SUNDAY

March 24

TENNEBRAE/HOLY THURSDAY (Kensington)

Dinner and Service 6:00pm/ 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Church open for reflective contemplation 10:00am-12:00pm

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

6:15am at Town landing (Sunrise @ 6:26am)

EASTER SERVICE

9:30 am featuring the music of Ruth George

Pastor: Rev. Cheryl Stromski (Sherry) she/her/hers
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Office hours: Thursday 12:00-4:00 or by
appointment.

The restroom is located downstairs in the
Fellowship Hall,

There is a baby-changing station there too.