

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



WELCOME to WORSHIP

United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist, United
Church of Christ

February 25, 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: "They'll Know We Are Christians By our Love"
by Scholtes

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

ONE: The God whom we worship calls us to discipleship:

MANY: To follow where Christ leads;

ONE: and obey what Christ commands;

MANY: To follow when it is not easy;

ONE: To follow when others think us foolish;

MANY: To follow where justice leads;

ONE: To follow where love guides us;

MANY: To follow even when it leads to the cross.

ONE: Come let us worship the living God,

MANY: Who loves us and leads us and promises to never let us go!

***OPENING HYMN:** “God of Grace and God of
Glory” Chalice # 464

***OPENING PRAYER:**

Gracious God, we confess, we want our truths simpler. We want you to be a Christ who takes us to glory, who makes life easier for us, who lifts us above daily trials and troubles.

SILENT MEDITATION:

Lord, we don't want the ways of suffering, service and sacrifice. Help us to learn to travel the path you have shown in Jesus your Christ.

Empower us to be your disciples; faithfully serving you through all the seasons of our life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: “Mark 8:31-38”

ONE: This is the word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: “Following Jesus”

by Rev. Cheryl Stromski

HYMN: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Chalice #469

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: “Lead On, O King
Eternal” by Smart

***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.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: *Holy God, You created us
to love, and when we do love, we find you there.
And so we love, with these gifts we offer, gifts of
our resources, our time and our talents. Bless
this church and help us to be your light in this
town and in our greater 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.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Third Friday of each month from 9:00-10:00 via
zoom

MARCH:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Kensington)

March 01, 11:30am arrival. Service 12:00-1:00 followed by luncheon \$5 suggested donation.

TRUSTEE MEETING

Fri. March 8 1:30

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEINGS

March 10

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Third Friday of each month from 9:00-10:00 via zoom

PALM SUNDAY

March 24

TENNEBRAE/HOLY THURSDAY (Kensington)

Agape 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)

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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.