

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



WELCOME to WORSHIP

United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist, United
Church of Christ

February 18, 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

“Transfiguration”

Greek = met-am-or-fo'-o

AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Please welcome BONNIE BARRISH as she shares her love for music and God.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

ONE: From the depths of my heart, I want to love church.

MANY: I want to be head-over-heels for church like the unshakable Ned Flanders.

ONE: I want to send global, sky-writing airplanes telling the life-change that happens beneath a steeple.

MANY: I want to install a police microphone on top of my car and cruise the streets screaming to the masses about the magical Utopian community of believers waiting just down the street.

ONE: God, we want to be “that church” that speaks your love to all people, that changes lives and makes a difference in our world.

MANY: Guide us today, as we open ourselves to hear your voice. In Jesus name, Amen.

(adapted from Sam Eaton article)

***OPENING HYMN:** “When in Awe of God’s
Creation” Chalice # 688

***OPENING PRAYER:**

“A Prayer for Shedding Pretenses”

**O God of a Thousand Faces,
who sees through all our pretenses
to that silent, secret space within
where our true spirit sojourns,
prune away the duplicities that mask our best
intentions
and all those quick defenses that disguise who
we really are.**

**Open us up to you and to all who would touch
the truth of our being,
So all may see the integrity of lives given over to
you,
Now and forever. Amen.**

*by Miriam Therese Winter, (20th c. American
Catholic missionary and liturgist)*

SCRIPTURE READING: “Psalm 25:1-10”

HYMN: “Renew Your Church” Chalice #463

**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**

***OFFERING OF OUR GRATITUDE: God, we have
been made in your image. So, in your generosity,
make us generous. In your faithfulness, make us
faithful. Give us power and courage to offer back
to you the gifts you have given to us. In this we
worship and are freed. Amen.**

***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.***

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE: “God be with Us till We Meet Again”**
Chalice #434

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.

ANNUAL MEETING

Today 5:00 pm potluck then meeting.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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

PREPARED TO SERVE

Sat. Feb. 24, 8:00-4:00

Reg. deadline: 2-12-24 \$50.00 scholarships
available.

MARCH:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Kensington)

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

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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)

Pastor: Rev. Cheryl Stromski (Sherry) she/her/hers
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Pastor@Newfieldscommunitychurch.org

Find us at: www.newfieldscommunitychurch.org
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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.

