

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

2023

WELCOME to WORSHIP

March 5,

UMA, UCC, UUA



“Dealing with Conflict in the Church”

***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 in spirit. **BOLD Print - please read together.*

AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: “Lord, Thank you for this Beautiful Day-ay-ay”

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

ONE: We come to this place and time of worship as individual worshipers. We come from north, south, east and west.

MANY: We come as young adults, children, widows, families, single people, employed, retired, and somewhere between. We come with diverse political and theological viewpoints.

ONE: We come with our own unique perspectives on life and faith.

MANY: We come separate but are made one body by the love of Jesus Christ. In Christ we are one today, tomorrow, and all the days ahead.

ALL: May this oneness be reflected in our worship today and in our lives in the coming days.

***OPENING PRAYER:**

Our Holy Triune God,
At the core of our diversity is unity,
and at the core of our discord is covenant.
As you exist — three-in-one — and are greater
because of your variety of expressions,

so too are we made stronger in our infinite variety —
of perspectives and opinions,
of experiences and expressions.
Root us now in our commitment
to create unity once again
through our covenant, with each other and with You.
Remind us that You are the Love that flows among us
as the Creator who made our vibrant diversity
as the Redeemer who reconciles us to one another
and as the Sustainer who creates community among us.
We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Chalice #18

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: "Matthew 18:15-22" (Red pew Bible pg. 895)

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member **listens** to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not **listened** to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to **listen** to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to **listen** even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

ONE: This is the word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "How to Get Along--When We Don't"

by Rev. Cheryl Stromski

HYMN: "Strong, Gentle Children"

Chalice # 511

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 - Your generosity makes our ministry to and within this community possible. Thank you for your support. Donation boxes are located in the back of the sanctuary and in the narthex.

***OFFERING OF OUR GRATITUDE:** God in heaven. You have created us all different. Like a body where each part has a different function, we each have gifts and abilities that are necessary for the functioning of the whole. We bring these things before you this morning, gifts or our time, and talent, and financial resources. Help us to see that everyone you've created all around the world – and in our own neighborhoods have something special to offer. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 for LENT:**

“Go Now in Peace”

Chalice # 43



Nothing so clearly discovers a spiritual man as his treatment of an erring brother.

Augustine of Hippo

Conflict is inevitable, but combat is optional. *Max Lucado*

We build too many walls and not enough bridges. *Isaac Newton*

Adversity is not simply a tool. It is God's most effective tool for the advancement of our spiritual lives. The circumstances and events that we see as setbacks are oftentimes the very things that launch us into periods of intense spiritual growth. Once we begin to understand this, and accept it as a spiritual fact of life, adversity becomes easier to bear. *Charles Stanley*

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

The family and friends (us) of Marty. Abigale, Olin, Josh, Ian, Cora. Those caught in the violence of the world's warring. Victims of the Turkey/Syrian earthquake, their families and rescue personnel. Our LGBTQ+ community. OUR PLANET and all the species facing extinction. Our national and civic leaders. Alicia's brother-in-law Paul, Janie.

HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

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

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT (ages 18-25 ish) - March 16, @ 6:00 Pingpong, corn hole, make your own tacos, conversation.

BIBLE STUDY We are looking together at the book of Matthew. Tues.12:00-2:00 Bring your lunch. All Welcome.

MEDITATION: Sunday Morning 9:00-9:20 in church office.

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS: 2nd Wed. of each month April 12, 7:00 in Sanctuary

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: 3rd Fridays at 9:00 am via zoom. See Pastor Sherry for zoom link

IMMIGRATION EXHIBIT - April 23 through May 23. Free to the public.

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE - Coming soon -Watch for details.

BAKESALE: Tuesday March 14 at town hall.

LEADERSHIP MEETING: Thursday, March 16 12:00-2:00

RUTH GEORGE AND JOHN MARTIN SING - Sunday March 19

EASTER SERVICES

GODSPELL COMMUNITY SING-ALONG: April 1 6:00 in sanctuary

REHEARSALS: (not mandatory) Wed. March 22 and Thurs. March 30 6:00-8:00.

PALM SUNDAY: April 2 9:30 am Music: Brass Duo

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 6 @ 6:00. Light dinner and contemplative readings on Passion by candlelight.

GOOD FRIDAY: April 7 Church open from 10:00am - 4:00pm for prayer and reflection.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: April 9 Newfields Boat launch at sunrise

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Office hours: Thursday 12:00-4:00 POP-IN or
Call or email to set up a different time.

The restroom is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall,
top the right of the kitchen, directly under the location of the organ.

There is a baby-changing table there, also.