

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



**WELCOME to WORSHIP**

United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist, United  
Church of Christ

February 11, 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:** “Ain-a That Good News”. Trad. Spiritual

### **SILENCIO**

Come into an awareness of God's presence, trusting that God can meet you and address you in the Word you will encounter. Offer up whatever may interfere with you being able to hear God's address to you.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Beyond our busyness,  
Above the cold winter floor there is a glory rising  
born of heaven  
and reaching out to each one of us  
**a light that shines through the clouds  
an invitation seeking all of who we are  
that transfigures the world**  
that transforms darkness into hope  
that brings life from a cross  
where old life ends and new life is born  
**In glory Jesus meets us here raising us from  
depths of valley  
to the height of the mountain  
carrying the weight of our humanity to the  
heights of heavens glory.**

Let us worship this morning, listening to those  
words said long ago,

“This is my Son, my Beloved; listen to him!”

*~ written by Rev. Rob Smith, Spirit of Life  
Presbyterian Church*

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “For the Healing of the  
Nations”

Chalice # 668

**\*OPENING PRAYER: God of Mystery, God of Transfiguration, help us to view the world differently. Help us to experience places where heaven and earth meet, where the veil is thin, where we view life through Your lens. Help us to find the holy wherever we are, to experience mystery and wonder. May we experience awe that causes us to tremble in Your presence. May we hear Your voice call to us, and may we feel You gently help us up when we are down. May we experience the holy all around us, knowing You are ever-present and faithful. Your steadfast love endures forever, in us, around us, and beyond us. Amen.**

### **LECTIO**

Read the scripture very slowly. Ask, “God, what are you saying to me?”

**SCRIPTURE READING:** “Mark 9: 2-8” (Red pew Bible pg. 919)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high

mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

### **MEDITATIO**

Take time, stop, breathe, meditate slowly on questions of the text.

Why six days? Why a high mountain? Transfigured  
=Meta mah fah O

Why white? Why so dazzling? Why did Peter, John and James get to see this? How did they respond? What did they do? Why? How does this speak to you?

### **ORATIO**

What is the prayer and cry of your heart that is evoked by this passage? What does your heart long to say to God? Is there some healing you want to ask for? Is there a confession of the heart? Is there a prayer for another you want to offer in response to your meditatio? Did the meditatio awaken gratitude for anything? Write a short prayer that is your response to this text.

### **CONTEMPLATIO**

Rest in the stillness of God. Open yourself to God's presence in the silence, actively yielding yourself to God, be open and receptive to whatever God may give you, do in you or with you. 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**

**OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE GENEROSITY**

**\*OFFERING OF OUR GRATITUDE:** God of all, You  
are the way, the truth, and the  
life. You have called us to love one another, to  
serve one another, to be moved by

**empathy and compassion and love, and not to measure ourselves by temporal things of this world such as wealth, fame and worldly power. And so we give of ourselves for others. Receive these gifts of our time, our resources and our talents. In the name of the Beloved One we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we are forgiven, loved and restored. 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](mailto: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.

### **VISIONING**

Results from our visioning session will be available  
next week.

## **FEBRUARY:**

### **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

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

## **SHROVE TUESDAY**

(Fat Tuesday) Pancake dinner - Kensington Tuesday  
Feb 13 5:00-7:00pm by donation - pancakes, fruit,  
real maple syrup, whipped cream and sausages.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

(Kensington) Wed. Feb.14, 4:00 service

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Feb 18. 5:00 pm potluck then meeting.

## **PREPARED TO SERVE**

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

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

## **MARCH:**

## **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

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

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Kensington)**

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

**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)

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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.