

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



WELCOME to WORSHIP

United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist, United
Church of Christ

February 04, 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

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

ONE: Prayer is not a request for God's favors.

MANY: True, it has been used to obtain the satisfaction of personal desires. It has even been adopted to reinforce prejudice, justify violence and create barriers between people and countries.

ONE: But genuine prayer is based on recognizing the Origin of all that exists, and opening ourselves to it.

MANY: In prayer we acknowledge God as the supreme source from which flows all strength, all goodness, all existence, acknowledging that we have our being, life itself from this supreme Power.

ONE: One can then communicate with this Source, worship it, and ultimately place one's very center in it.

ALL: Come, let us worship our God.

~PieroFerrucci, *Ineffable Grace*

OPENING HYMN: Come and Find the Quiet Center
Chalice # 575

***OPENING PRAYER:** Most loving God, help us to find the Quiet Center spoken of...the place where hope enters and we are freed ...where the chaos and the clutter dissipate and we truly see what is. Guide us to see as you see...things that really matter, that we might be at peace. Peace, I give to you. Jesus promised. In his name we pray. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

OT READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:29-39

ONE: This is the word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: “Waiting on God”

HYMN: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Chalice # 585

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.

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

OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY: “The Prayer of St. Francis”

***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.***

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE: Eternal God, lead us in
the ways of Your righteousness. Make
your ways plain before our face. Take these gifts
that we offer and be our vision for a new
and better tomorrow. We pray together. 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.

VISIONING

Results from our visioning session will be available next week.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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

FEBRUARY:

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Tuesday Feb.6 Newfields 5:00-6:30

TRIVIA NIGHT

soup makers!! Feb 4
TONIGHT!!!

TRUSTEE MEETING

To finalize budget, Friday Feb. 09, 1:30pm

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

PREPARED TO SERVE

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

MARCH

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.