

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



**WELCOME to WORSHIP**

United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist, United  
Church of Christ

January 28, 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**

### **PRELUDE and INVITATION OF PRESENCE:**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**ONE:** We come to this place seeking something...

**MANY: Something better than ourselves; something that gives life meaning; some relationship that reaches deep into our souls to fulfill us; maybe even something to which we cannot put a name.**

**ONE:** But we come seeking something... and even more important, we are sought by one who gives us worth and meaning and value and love.

**MANY: So today, let us enter into this time of worship with hearts and minds that are open to the one who has laid down his life for us, who**

**stands at the throne of God in support of us, and who reigns in power for us. Come let us worship.**

**OPENING HYMN: “Let the Whole Creation Cry”**

Chalice # 21

**\*OPENING PRAYER:**

*(inspired by 1 Kings 19: 8-15, Psalm 46: 10)*

O God of the still, small voice,  
quiet our inner spirit.

Help us to focus upon You, and You alone,  
to hear Your voice within.

**There are so many other voices demanding our  
attention.**

**But we cannot attend to them without You....**

***Be still and know that I am God,***

**You say to us as You said to Elijah....**

**May Your voice speak through us.**

In weakness, be our strength.

In poverty, be our wealth.

In depression, be our joy.

In apathy, be our love.

**We cannot sing Love's song, O Lord,  
unless it be Your voice singing in us.**

**Take this heart, and with this mouth**

**make Your praise and thanksgiving a reality here  
and now.**

**Because of, and in the name of our Messiah,  
Jesus. Amen.**

*~ posted on **My Redeemer Lives** website.*

<http://www.myredeemerlives.com/prayers.html>

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**OT READING:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 1:21-28

**ONE:** This is the word of the Lord

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**MESSAGE:** “Discerning God’s Voice”

By Rev. Cheryl Stromski

**HYMN:** “Go Down, Moses”

Chalice # 663 (vs 1,2,5)

A LITANY for the WORLD

Chalice # 664

## **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:**

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, we thank  
you for the prophets, for those voices of the night  
against the forces of evil, injustice, and despair,  
those voices of resonant hope that keep  
reminding us that your love will not be undone.  
Use these gifts we offer to further this vision. In  
the name of Jesus, we pray. 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](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.

## **JANUARY:**

### **VISIONING**

Thursday Jan. 11, & Jan. 25 5:00-6:30...Newfields  
grab it and eat it.

Thursday Jan 18, & Feb 1 Kensington

### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Tuesday Jan 16, & Jan. 30 Kensington 5:00-6:30

Tuesday Jan 23, & Feb.6 Newfields

### **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

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

### **SPEAK YOUR TRUTH**

A Bible Study based in the Gospel of Mark.  
Everyone is encouraged to bring their questions,  
ideas and honesty...without judgment. Thursdays  
2:30-3:30. Newfields

### **FEBRUARY:**

#### **TRIVIA NIGHT**

soup makers!! Feb 4

#### **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. 2-14-24 4:00 service

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Feb 18. 5:00pm potluck then meeting.

## **PREPARED TO SERVE**

Sat. 2-24-24; 8:00-4:00

Pastor: Rev. Cheryl Stromski (Sherry) she/her/hers  
603-828-5234 (cell/text);  
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[facebook.com/NewfieldsCommunityChurch](https://facebook.com/NewfieldsCommunityChurch)

**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.