

Newark First United Methodist Church
Celebrates
4th Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022

Newark First UMC Welcomes You!

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We Gather to be the Church in Worship
† Indicates please stand if you are able



The self-righteous snit that begrudges forgiveness
is as old as human nature and
is rediscovered in each new generation.

When we say, “God can’t possibly forgive that sin,” we mean, “We don’t want God to forgive that sin”.

Because, to forgive that sin would make the sinner our equal in God’s eyes, and we (you, me, & Jonah) just can’t stand that, now, can we?

Pastor: Rev. David Herrmann

Keyboardist: Stephanie Mercer

Interim Choir Director: Jenna Taylor

Ad Council Chair: Kyle Houser

8 AM Liturgist: Cindy Herrmann

Media Min. Dir.: Sami Cepulo

Lay Leader: Elsie Dedrick

Soundboard: Sami Cepulo

10 AM Liturgist: Rod Reeder

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8 AM Liturgist

10 AM Kyle Houser

10 AM CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

#2108

“Oh, How He Loves You and Me”

Blessing Baskets are for the benefit of
Emmanuel UMC’s Free Lunch Program

10 AM INTROIT:

“Amazing Grace”

Chancel Choir

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP:

Matthew 5:20-24 NRSV

God Calls:

²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

We Respond:

The “inhabitants” of the dark recesses of our conscious and subconscious selves are often so fear—or guilt—producing that we go to almost any length to avoid admitting or confronting their existence. God’s love for us means we need not stay as we are, for the Holy Spirit is with us to help us face ourselves and to go from where we are to where God wants us to be.

—Shawchuck, Job, & Doherty, *How to Conduct a Spiritual Life Retreat*

† HYMN OF PRAISE: "To God Be the Glory" #98

OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious God, You know the sighs confined and hidden within the depths of our hearts, sighs for which there are often no words. Do not be far from us, O God, when we cry out unto You. Hear our prayers today. Amen.

—Job, Shawchuck, & Mogabgab, *A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God*, pg. 145

10 AM ANTHEM: Chancel Choir
"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

GOD'S EPIPHANIES IN OUR LIVES: Moments of Grace

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Joshua 5:9-12

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 32 Pg. 766
† GLORIA PATRI: #70

† GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 5:16-21

† HYMN OF PREPARATION: #2055
"You Are My Hiding Place"

MESSAGE FOR THE DAY: Prodigal Envy

OFFERTORY:
DOXOLOGY: #95

JOYS AND CONCERNS
THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN OF SENDING: "Whatever You Do" #3128

† BLESSING WITH BLESSING:

God Calls Us to Be the Church in Worship
Now, God Sends Us Forth to Be the Church in Service

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



Tuesday, March 29th

Rummage Sorting, 9:30 AM ~ Rummage Rm
Prayers for Healing, 7 PM ~ Home
Boy Scouts, 7 PM ~ Boy Scout Rm
Lenten Study, 7 PM ~ Lounge

Wednesday, March 30th

Bell Choir, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary
Chancel Choir, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Friday, April 1st

Lenten Prayer & Meditation, 12 PM ~ Sanctuary

Upcoming Liturgist:

4/3 - Leah Talbot
4/10 - Chad Sheckler
4/17 - Diane Sheckler
4/24 - Jessica Wells

Upcoming Soundboard:

4/3 - Sami Cepulo
4/10 - Carl Mercer
4/17 - Carl Mercer
4/24 - Jessica Wells

Ushers for TODAY...

Dave True & Gail Defisher



Your flower orders are due by Palm Sunday.



April 7-9

Lay Servant Ministries, the Basic Course

Starts 9:30AM Saturday, April 23rd
Email the office to either order your books or let Charlie know you are Participating.

Prayer Notes... We lift in prayer...

Some of our homebound friends: Elaine Herman, Shirley Hyman, Maggie Mathis, Margaret Rundel, Betty VanAuken, Charlie Hallagan, Dorothy Decker, Diane Schultz, Owen Hughes, Judy Jansen, Enid Shultz, Norma Walters.. **God bless them in their needs.**

From the Prayer chain this week:

Jeff Chapman ~ Health & Healing
Marcy Elmore ~ Health & Healing
Nancy Heidrick ~ Health & Healing
Norma Walters ~ Comfort
Bob & Elsie Dedrick ~ Health & Healing
Mayfield, KY UMC ~ God's will
Ukraine ~ God's will
Eric McIntyre ~ Health & Healing
Owen Hughes ~ Healing