

Newark First UMC Welcomes You
January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday After the Epiphany

God Calls Us to Be the Church in Worship
† Indicates please stand if you are able

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kyle Houser

NFUMC MISSIONAL OUTREACH:
"He Came Down" #2085
Blessing Baskets are for the benefit of "NOMADS"

INTROIT "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" Chancel Choir

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: Mark 8:34-38 Liturgist
God Calls: ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

We respond: **These are hard words, because they call us to look at and listen to Jesus as he challenges his disciples. We, too, must decide if Jesus is "I am," as he claims to be seven times in Scripture, or a fraudulent showman—a fictional Messiah. Shakespeare is right. There are only two options: "To be or not to be [his disciple], that is the question." When we are challenged, we either go "All in" with Jesus or we fold.**

† **HYMN OF PRAISE:** "Step by Step" #3004

OPENING PRAYER: Loving God, you gave yourself to us in Jesus—your only begotten Son—that we might experience in human terms your limitless, healing love. And, you gave yourself for us in Jesus—your only begotten Son—that our sinful human nature might be redeemed as he gave his life for the sake of our eternal souls. Holy Spirit, guide us in living your gift. Amen.

ANTHEM "The Heavens Are Telling" Chancel Choir

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4 Liturgist

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (UMH 758) Liturgist
† **GLORIA PATRI:** No. 70

† **GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 4:12-23 Liturgist

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Pastor

† **HYMN OF PREPARATION** #545 v. 1, 2, 4, 5
"The Church's One Foundation"

MESSAGE FOR THE DAY: "Serving a Jealous God" Pastor

OFFERTORY
DOXOLOGY: #95
JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: Kyle Houser

† **HYMN OF SENDING:** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #2129

† **BENEDICTION WITH BLESSING:**

POSTLUDE:

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

Newark First United Methodist Church
Celebrates
3rd Sunday After the Epiphany
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Upcoming Liturgist

1/29 Kyle Houser
2/5 Don Combes
2/12 Boy Scouts
2/19 Leah Talbot

**Upcoming
Soundboard**

1/29 Rob Hoe
2/5 & 2/12 Josh Mercer
2/19 Lucina Hallagan

Ushers for February
Bob & Jean Bendix

Greeter
Gail DeFisher

Week @ a Glance

Mon 1/23

Tues 1/24

8:30 Coffee @ Wegmans

9:30 Rummage

7 p.m. Prayer for Healing

7 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wed 1/25

6:30 Bell Choir

7:30 Chancel Choir

Thur 1/26

Fri 1/27

Sat 1/28

Sunday 1/29

8:50 Journey Discussion

9:00 Men's Study

10:00 WORSHIP

He wants all or nothing.
The thought of a person
calling himself a "Christian"
without being a
devoted follower of Christ
is absurd.

--Francis Chan



⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ... ¹⁴ Do not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who are all around you, ¹⁵ because the LORD your God, who is present with you, is a jealous God. The anger of the LORD your God would be kindled against you and he would destroy you from the face of the earth.

(Deut. 6:4-6, 14-15 NRS)

On Sunday, January 29, 2023,
Chad Sheckler is leading worship

Pastor: Rev. David Herrmann

Media Min. Dir.: Sami Cepulo

Music Director: Stephanie Mercer

Choir Director: Kathy Cornwell

Bell Choir Director: Jenna Taylor

Lay Leader: Elsie Dedrick

Ad Council Chair: Kyle Houser

Sound Board: Rob Hoe

Liturgist: Jessica Wells