

Newark First UMC Welcomes You
February 5, 2023
5th 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:

“We Sing of Your Glory” #2011
Blessing Baskets are for the benefit of “Laurel House”.

INTROIT “While Shepherds Watched” *Bell Choir*

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: Genesis 12:1-4 *Liturgist*

God Calls: Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

We respond: **As God called Abram and created Abraham, so God calls each of us, to walk by faith and be changed. As we walk with God, we also are given a new name, “Christian”—a Little Christ. Like Abram’s journey with God to become Abraham, Christian spirituality is a journey, not a destination—characterized by movement and discovery, challenge and change, adversity and joy, uncertainty and fulfillment. It is a process of companionship, with the One who invites us to follow and with those who seek to follow Jesus, the Christ.**

Reuben P. Job & Marjorie J. Thompson, *Companions in Christ* paraphrased.

† HYMN OF PRAISE: “Gather Us In” #2236

OPENING PRAYER:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the Fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created. And, you shall renew the face of the Earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM “Come, Take the Body” *Chancel Choir*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) *Liturgist*

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 112:1-10 (UMH 833) *Liturgist*

† GLORIA PATRI: No. 70

† GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13-20 *Liturgist*

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) *Pastor*

† HYMN OF PREPARATION “O for a Thousand Tongues” #57

MESSAGE FOR THE DAY: “The Joy of a Generous Heart” *Pastor*

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II: Pg. 13

Offertory

Doxology: #95

Joys and Concerns and The Lord’s Prayer: *Kyle Houser*

Partaking of the Lord’s Supper: *Pastor*

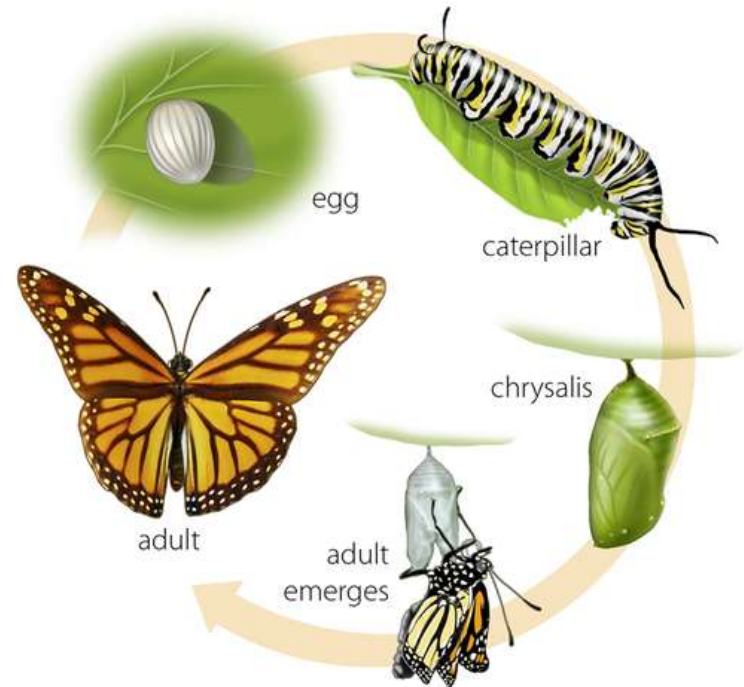
† HYMN OF SENDING: “Here I Am, Lord” #593

† BENEDICTION WITH BLESSING:

POSTLUDE:

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

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Celebrates
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**From our viewpoint we see each other as caterpillars.
God looks and sees the butterfly we can become—if we allow God
to complete our metamorphosis into the image of Jesus.**

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of
your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—
what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
(Romans 12:2 NRSV)

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: Josh Mercer
Liturgist: Don Combes