

Newark First UMC Welcomes You  
March 12, 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**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:**

*“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” #269 v 1, 2, 5*  
Blessing Baskets are for the benefit of *“Emmanuel Free Lunch.”*

**INTROIT** *“Fantasy on Kingsfold”* *Bell Choir*

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP:** Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV) *Liturgist*  
God Calls: God Calls: <sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**We respond: We know that the greatest burdens we carry are those which we assume for ourselves. They become levers for the Adversary who knows our weaknesses and uses them to pry us away from God, who loves us. Yet, we still allow the world to speak with the Adversary's voice, and we often “help” others focus on their shortcomings as well.**

† **HYMN OF PRAISE:** *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”* #2071

**OPENING PRAYER: O Lord, as we gather here to be present before you, we recognize some of the burdens we carry. As we pray together, we lift ourselves by laying our guilt, shame, and insecurities at the foot of your cross. Even as we pray for ourselves, we pray for our sisters and brothers in the pews beside us that each load might be lightened, each heart**

**strengthened, and each soul braced by an experience of your forgiving love and grace. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** *“And Can It Be?”* *Chancel Choir*

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 17:1-7 *Liturgist*

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 95 (UMH 814) *Liturgist*  
† **GLORIA PATRI:** No. 70

† **GOSPEL READING:** John 4:5-42 *Liturgist*

**EPISTLE READING:** Romans 5:1-11 *Pastor*

† **HYMN OF PREPARATION** #2236  
*“Gather Us In”*

**MESSAGE FOR THE DAY:** *Pastor*  
*“Of Sin and Forgiveness—What We Believe”*

**OFFERTORY**

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

† **HYMN OF SENDING:** #3043  
*“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”*

† **BENEDICTION WITH BLESSING:**

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

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The Samaritan woman at the well invites you,  
“Come and see a man who told me everything I have  
ever done!”

Even though He knows “everything” about you,  
Jesus will not reject you!

Pastor: Rev. David Herrmann  
Music Director: Stephanie Mercer  
Bell Choir Director: Jenna Taylor  
Ad Council Chair: Kyle Houser

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Lay Leader: Elsie Dedrick  
Sound Board: Carl Mercer

Liturgist: Lucina Hallagan