

Newark First UMC Welcomes You
March 19, 2023
4th Sunday in Lent
Saluting First Responders

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 *“What Does the Lord Require of You” Chancel Choir*

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: John 15:9-13 *Liturgist*

God Calls: ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

We respond: **Prayer of Saint Francis (UMH 481)**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to
console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

**We give thanks to the men and women who, in the darkest
moments of our lives, lead us to that light.**

† **HYMN OF PRAISE:** *“Give Thanks”* #2036

**OPENING PRAYER: This day, O God, we are especially
appreciative of those who are concerned about the welfare of
all people in need. For the leaders, staff members, and
volunteers who support our community and families, we are
thankful. May this day make us more sensitive to the ways we
can be of better service to you and to others. Amen.**

ANTHEM *“Loving Hands” Chancel Choir*

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 *Liturgist*

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23 (New Jerusalem Bible) *Liturgist*

† **GLORIA PATRI:** No. 70

† **GOSPEL READING:** John 9:1-41 *Liturgist*

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:8-14 *Pastor*

† **HYMN OF PREPARATION** #581

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

MESSAGE FOR THE DAY: *“What Is a Calling?”* *Pastor*

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY: #95

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER: *Kyle Houser*

† **HYMN OF SENDING:** *“America the Beautiful”* #696

† **BENEDICTION WITH BLESSING:**

POSTLUDE:

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

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Jesus said, ¹² "This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
¹³ No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends [and neighbors].
(John 15:12-13)

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: Elsie Dedrick