

Newark First UMC Welcomes You
May 7, 2023
5th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME
We Gather to Be the Church in Worship
† indicates please stand if you are able

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Kyle Houser*

NFUMC MISSIONAL OUTREACH:

"How Majestic Is Your Name!" #2023
Blessing Baskets are for the benefit of *"Family Promise of Wayne County"*.

INTROIT: *"The First One Ever"* *Chancel Choir*

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: Acts 5:28-29, 32 NRS *Liturgist*

God calls: ²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

We respond: Through the witness of the disciples, we are called to leave behind our fears of cultural repercussions. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to uphold the Light of God's Word in the face of cultural darkness.

† **HYMN OF PRAISE:** *"O Living God"* #3089

OPENING PRAYER:

Now, Lord, we pray the prayer of your first disciples. Look at the threats or our own times, and grant to us, as your servants today, to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your Holy Son, Jesus. Make us to be of one heart and soul, to live out of your great power, and to give our testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. May your great grace rest upon us as well. Amen.

ANTHEM: *"Remember Me"* *Chancel Choir*

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60 *Liturgist*

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764) *Liturgist*

¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness, deliver me!

² **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴ **take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

† **GLORIA PATRI:** No. 70

† **GOSPEL READING:** John 14:1-14 *Liturgist*

EPISTLE READING: 1st Peter 2:2-10 *Pastor*

† **HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *"Nothing Can Trouble"* #2054

MESSAGE FOR THE DAY: *"In Jesus' Name, We"* *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*

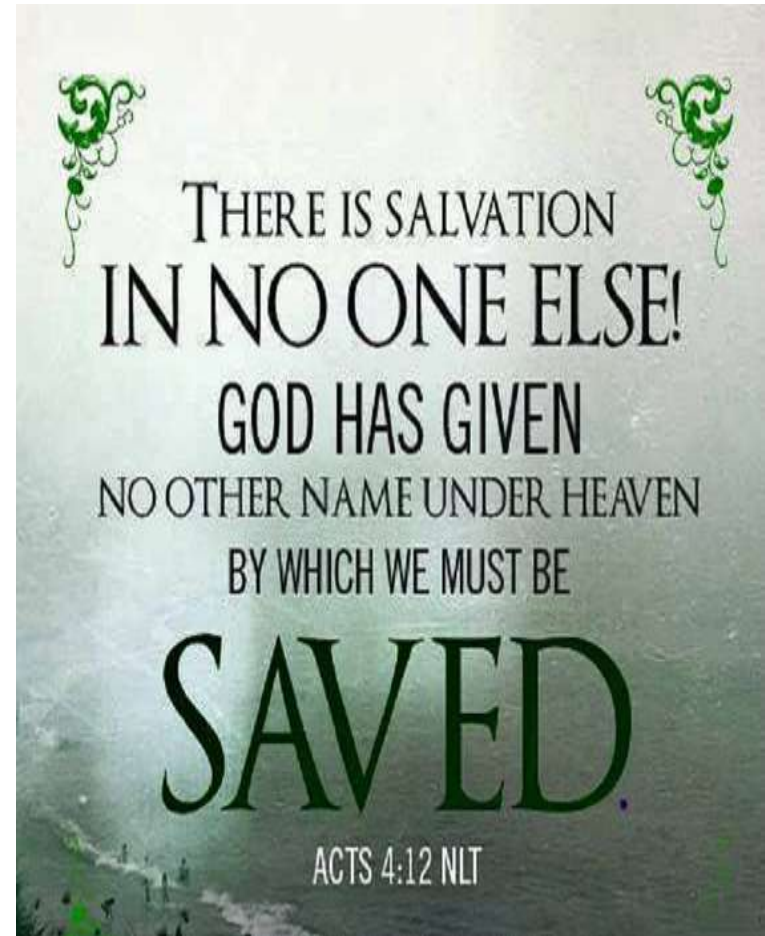
† **HYMN OF SENDING** *"Freely, Freely"* #389

† **BENEDICTION WITH BLESSING:**

POSTLUDE:

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

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

Media Min. Dir.: Sami Cepulo
Choir Director: Kathy Cornwell
Lay Leader: Elsie Dedrick
Sound Board: Carl Mercer

Liturgist: Lucina Hallagan