

Newtonville United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

We are so glad that you joined us for worship today! Whether you call NUMC your church home, or you are a guest with us today, we want you to know that no matter who you are, where you've come from, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Please take the time to fill out the contact card located in the pew, and place it in the offering basket when it comes your way. Our ushers and greeters are here to help you feel at home—so please don't hesitate to ask if you should need anything at all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge immediately following worship. Welcome!

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Song

*We Share Christ's Peace

(by waving, smiling, sharing the peace sign, or bowing toward our friends)

Call to Worship *Kathy Maker*

Thinking we know all of the answers, yet wondering if we haven't missed something...

We enter this sanctuary of Truth.

In the company of sinners, in cahoots with saints...

We gather as God's people.

Standing by folks of deep, abiding faith; seated with those who stumble through the Kingdom...

We lift our praises to God.

We Join in Song: Hymn #3038 "Mighty to Save"

Opening Prayer

We hunger for power, and you feed us the bread of humility; we long for

freedom, and you invite us to drink the cup of self-denial. Faithful and just God, our songs of gratitude will echo down the hallways of creation.

You speak and all the props are knocked out from under our pride. Then, you astound us by reaching out your hand to lift us to our feet so we may follow you.

Holy Gift of God, our songs of praise will echo down the hallway of our hearts.

Without your wisdom, we would be speechless, without your peace, we would be heartless; without your presence, we would be graceless. Bearer of Truth: our songs of joy will echo down the hallways of eternity.

God in Community, Holy In One, may our songs echo in your heart as we pray...Amen.

Children's Time *Stephanie Ramkissoon*

We Pray Together

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer/Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

We Pray Together The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

We Offer Our Gifts

*Doxology #2036 "Give Thanks" / Offertory Prayer

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks!

We Hear the Scripture Reading... Psalm 111

We Join in Song: Hymn #176 "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

We Hear the Gospel Reading... Mark 1: 21-28

The Message: Pastor Nick

We Remember What We Believe and We Affirm Our Faith/The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Join in Song: Hymn #2117 "Spirit of God"

Our Statement of Commitment to Racial Justice

The United Methodist Church proclaims the value of each person as a unique child of God and commits itself to the healing and wholeness of all persons; recognizing that the sin of racism has been destructive to its unity throughout its history, and racism continues to cause painful division and marginalization.

We, the community of faith at Newtonville United Methodist Church, shall confront and seek to eliminate racism, whether in organizations or in individuals, in every facet of its life and in society at large; working collaboratively with others to address concerns that threaten the cause of racial justice at all times and in all places.

Sending Song: "Draw the Circle Wide"

Blessing

*AED REFRESHER COURSE: Join us **February 11th** after worship for a refresher course on the A.E.D. machine and use of Narcan. We will be using room 4 for better acoustics. I will need a headcount as Dave Plouff will be supplying us with Narcan. We will also be adding Narcan to the A.E.D. box. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Donna Buda with interest and questions at dmbuda@aol.com*



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