

Newtonville United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

We are delighted that you chose to join us for worship this morning! Mask wearing is now optional. Please continue to wear a mask if you are not vaccinated, or if you are immunocompromised in any way. Please also continue to wear masks if that is what is most comfortable for you. If you are feeling under the weather in any way, please stay home and take advantage of watching our services on line. Hearing assist devices are available—our ushers will be happy to help you with any needs that arise!

Centering Song: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Welcome and Announcements

*We Share Christ's Peace

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

We are Called to Worship (T. Shuman)

The One who commands the clouds, calls us to be poured out for others.

We can, by faith, be the waters of peace which quench the fires of hatred.

The One who creates mercy and hope, longs for a world of fair play and grace.

We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.

The One who is with us in every moment, composes a love-song for our hearts.

We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet.

We Join in Song: Hymn #2236 "Gather Us In"

Opening Prayer (T. Shuman)

Gracious God, in the debris and litter of the world, you clear a place where we can be planted: your justice which can bring hope to the oppressed; your righteousness which can receive even our enemies in peace. Jesus Christ, you break up the stony ground of our hearts, so grace may be planted. You take us by the hand to lead us through the waters of baptism, so we can stand on the far

shores of your kingdom. Holy Spirit, early every morning you are out ahead of us, walking the paths of life, clearing away all the temptations which would cause us to stumble and fall. God in Community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray. Amen.

Children's Time

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... Hebrews 11:29-12:2

We Join in Song: Hymn #2208 "Guide My Feet"

We Hear the Gospel Reading... Luke 12:49-56

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 sitteth 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 #3042 "Shout To the North"

Blessing (M.Scifres)

We, who were far away, have been brought near in the grace of Christ.

We, who were once divided, have discovered peace in the unity of God's Spirit.

We, who were once alone, are connected in the love of God.

We, who were once lone individuals, are united as one body, one family of God, to share God's unifying love with the world.

Sending Song: "Draw The Circle Wide"

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