

Has Anyone Seen 🏾

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NEWTON NEW JERSEY

June 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Thírd Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE

Pastorale (Guilmant)

Henry Repp Evelyn Cornwell

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: Jesus was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being.

Leader: What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

People: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Leader: From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1) Let us praise God.

***OPENING HYMN**

"It Is Well With My Soul"

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

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Thank you, Loving Spirit, for the warmth of summer and for your invitation to embrace abundant life. Your promise of resurrection allows past troubles to die, as we rise with you to new life. Inspire us to follow your lead, even when it requires us to bear a cross of sacrifice in your name. May our love for you be complete, as we share words and acts of compassion with a world that yearns for your peace. Amen. ANTHEM O God, You Are My God (Fettke)

COMMUNITY PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

Chancel Choir **Evelyn** Cornwell

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:14-17; Ephesians 2:8-10 Choir

Rev. Lattig

John 1:14-17

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,^[a] full of grace and truth.¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ")¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.^{[b] 17} The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:810

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God for this Word.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Leaning" (Matt Maher)

SERMON "Where's Grace? Anyone Seen Grace?" **Bob** Helmond Certified Lay Servant

O Christ, the Way OFFERTORY **Chancel Choir** You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

* DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and generous God, your morning sun gives life, your evening breeze refreshes the soul. As life grows to its fullest this summer, let us give generously and repeatedly. Through our gifts, may the hungry be fed, the lonely find good friends, and the grieving find comfort. With these offerings, we offer our own lives, that we may rise again to live with you. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

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"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

*PRAYER OF BENEDICTION (Unison)

Bob Helmond

Your son, Jesus, called you Abba. With love, we would call you "Daddy." Your grace and blessings rain upon us every day of our lives, though often they are not

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Evelyn Cornwell

JOY Fellowship Praise Band

recognized. We are truly thankful for them as well as the challenges you place before us that make us stronger Christians. Lord, we ask for your guidance as we give back a just portion in gratitude to continue your work for the transformation of this world in the name of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Liturgist Organist/Music Director Greeter Camera Operator Soundboard Operator Rev. Todd R. Lattig Evelyn Cornwell Henry Repp Evelyn Cornwell Jen Phlegar Jay Morrison