


Rediscovering our United Methodist

Roots



**GRACE IS A GIFT FROM GOD GIVEN FREELY
TO ALL PEOPLE, THROUGH WHICH WE ARE
SAVED. THIS GRACE IS THE SPARK THAT
MAKES THE METHODIST FIRE BURN.**

**January 14, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**First United Methodist Church of Newton
111 Ryerson Avenue, Newton NJ**

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE		Christie Spriggs
GREETING		Rev. Todd R. Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)		Kathleen Meredith
	It all begins with God's grace — A gift of God's love. Grace cannot be put in a box. We receive God's grace even before we know it's there. God shows us grace, not because of what we do, But because we are beloved, cherished, and forgiven!	
*HYMN	"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"	UMH 121
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
	Loving God, you surround us in your grace so fully that sometimes we don't even know it's there. It goes before us, with us, and behind us, our very breath and life. Thank you for this unending gift that calls us into life and love, makes our relationship with you right, and transforms us to become more and more like Jesus. In this time of worship, help us to know and treasure your grace more deeply. Warm our hearts by its fire. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.	
ANTHEM	"Be Thou My Vision" Melinda McCoy-Miller, flute	Chancel Choir
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING		Kathleen Meredith

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷ So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the

This Week's Schedule

Monday, Jan 15

10 Chair Yoga (HH)

11:30 LWJ Yoga (HH)

Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, Jan 16

10-1 Life With Joy (HH)

6 Cub Scouts (HH)

Wednesday, Jan 17

10-3 Life With Joy (HH)

6:30 Leadership Team Mtg.

Thursday, Jan 18

10-1 Life With Joy (HH)

Saturday, Jan 20

9-2 Treasures of Hope

Sunday, Jan 21

9 Joy Fellowship Service (HH)

Sunday School (1B)

10:30 Sanctuary Service

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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Music Coordinator/Joy Fellowship
Liturgist
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd R. Lattig
Christie Spriggs
Kathleen Meredith
Evelyn Cornwell
Jen Phlegar
Jay Morrison



Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which our Lord gave himself up for us he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in unison with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

