

January 21, 2024, 10:30 a.m. Third 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.)

Christie Spriggs PRELUDE

GREETING Rev. Todd R. Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Kathleen Meredith

We love because God loves us first, But we don't do this work alone.

God calls us to work together,

To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Our actions speak louder than our words.

So, let us work together to change the world!

*HYMN "All Who Love and Serve Your City" **UMH 433**

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

Holy God, thank you for accepting us as we are but not leaving us where we are. Thank you for your grace that shapes us to be more like your son, Jesus Christ. He dedicated himself to prayer and studying scripture, always putting his relationship with you first. He dedicated himself to caring for people, especially the sick, poor, and marginalized, knowing that to love you is to love them. Help us to do the same. In this time of worship, fill us up and equip us to be your loving presence with and for the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" Chancel Choir ANTHEM Melinda McCoy-Miller, flute

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING

Kathleen Meredith

Micah 6:6-8

⁶ What can we bring to the LORD? Should we bring him burnt offerings? Should we bow before God Most High with offerings of yearling calves?

⁷ Should we offer him thousands of rams and ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for our sins?

⁸ No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you:

to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SERMON ROOTS: "Personal and Social Holiness" Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY Christie Spriggs

Please proceed up the center aisle to place your offering in the plate or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically using PayPal or Tithe.ly.

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Karhleen Meredith Giver of all that is good, receive our gifts today as a sign of our desire to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Use them to achieve your purposes in the world. Renew our commitment today, not only to continue giving financially, but to be transformed by your love and so transform our communities both near and far. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN "Make Me a Servant" TFWS 2176

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE Christie Spriggs

This Week's Schedule	
Monday, Jan 22	10 Chair Yoga (HH) 11:30 LWJ Yoga (HH)
Tuesday, Jan 23	10-1 Life With Joy (HH)
Wednesday, Jan 24	10-3 Life With Joy (HH)
	6 Potluck
Thursday, Jan 25	10-1 Life With Joy (HH)
Saturday, Jan 27	9-2 Treasures of Hope
Sunday, Jan 28	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