



*Holy
Conferencing*

**January 28, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Fourth 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
	We don't always get it right. So, we learn from one another. Sometimes our conversations cause pain, But we are called to speak with love. Forgiveness is key to working together, Just as God forgives us. We are called to do everything out of love, Because God loved us first!	
*HYMN	"Come Christians, Join to Sing"	UMH 158
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
	God of us all, thank you that we do not have to do this life of faith alone. Thank for the community both near and far that walks alongside us. When we experience division in your beloved family, help us to remember our common bond in Jesus Christ. Give us your Spirit of compassion, kindness, humility, patience, and love in our relationships with one another. May our life together show the world what is possible with you. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.	
ANTHEM	"Where He Leads Me" 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

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so

you must forgive others. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

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

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SERMON

ROOTS: “Holy Conferencing”

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 Tithely.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Karhleen Meredith

Uniting God, we give today knowing and trusting that you will use our gifts to strengthen our bonds with United Methodists all around the world. As our bonds grow stronger, may our light shine brighter so that when people look at us, they see your son, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. It is in his name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

“My Hope is Built”

UMH 368

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

Christie Spriggs

This Week's Schedule

Monday, Jan 29

10 Chair Yoga (HH)

11:30 LWJ Yoga (HH)

Tuesday, Jan 30

10-1 Life With Joy (HH)

6 Cub Scouts (HH)

Wednesday, Jan 31

10-3 Life With Joy (HH)

Thursday, Feb 1

10-1 Life With Joy (HH)

Saturday, Feb 3

9-2 Treasures of Hope

Sunday, Feb 4

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

Fred Fox

Jen Phlegar

Jay Morrison