

**February 4, 2024, 10:30 a.m.  
Fifth 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 come to worship and gather around God's table.	
<b>We come to remember God's grace.</b>	
We come to remember the story of God's love.	
<b>We come to be strengthened to share God's story.</b>	
We come to be reminded that all are welcome here.	
<b>We are all made in the image of God, and all are called to be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world!</b>	
*HYMN	"Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH 618
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)	Kathleen Meredith
<b>God, we thank you for all the ways you nourish us in this life — our bodies, our spirits, and our minds. We especially thank you today for the gift of Communion, the bread and cup Jesus promised would be his presence with us. Though this is a mystery to us, we trust it, we receive it, and we are grateful for the way it connects us to you and one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</b>	
SPECIAL MUSIC	Kathleen Meredith
COMMUNITY PRAYER	Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER	Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON	Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING	Kathleen Meredith

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup> For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread <sup>24</sup> and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed



## **This Week's Schedule**

<b>Monday, Feb 5</b>	<b>10 Chair Yoga (HH) 11:30 LWJ Yoga (HH)</b>
<b>Tuesday, Feb 6</b>	<b>10-1 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Hypnosis for Health</b>
<b>Wednesday, Feb 7</b>	<b>10-3 Life With Joy (HH)</b>
<b>Thursday, Feb 8</b>	<b>10-1 Life With Joy (HH)</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb 10</b>	<b>9-2 Treasures of Hope 6-10 Life With Joy Valentine's Dance (HH/kitchen)</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 11</b>	<b>9 Joy Fellowship Service (HH) Sunday School (1B) 10:30 Sanctuary Service</b>

**Collection in narthex for  
"Souper Bowl Sunday" to  
benefit Manna House**

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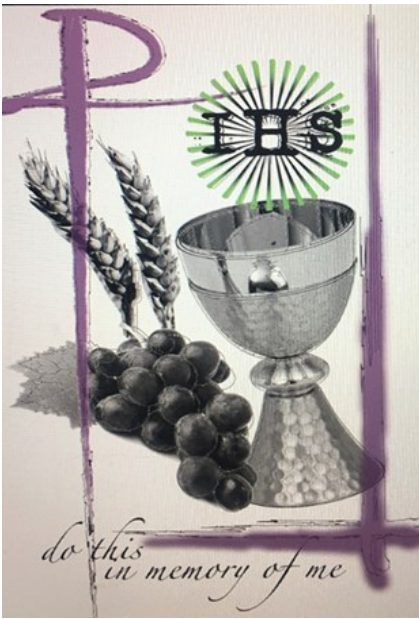
## **Today's Worship Leaders**

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.**

