



Come Up

1st Sunday in Lent February 18, 2024

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*During Lent we will be creating a visual installation featuring “uplifting messages”.
We invite you to write a message about something good that you witnessed or
did on the card insert.*

*When complete please place them on the poster in the Narthex.
Let’s fill up the church with goodness!*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God’s love, affirmation of God’s call, and covered in God’s grace...

All: God comes near.

Leader: When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a caring hand or an encouraging word, troubled and uncertain as the ground under you shifts like sand...

All: God comes near.

Leader: When you feel emboldened to act, inspired to speak, energized to live as bearers of the good news that the Kingdom of God is here...

All: God comes near.

Leader: In all seasons of our lives, God comes near to us and does not forsake us.

All: We gather to come near to God whose ever-present love remains near no matter where our journey takes us. Amen.

***HYMN**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

UMH #269

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we come before you needing to feel lighter.

We are weighed down with expectations and difficult news.

Sometimes it is our own doing that weighs us down.

In this moment of quiet, we lift up to you those things we’d like to give up for good... for the sake of The Good.

Silent prayer

SCRIPTURE **Mark 1:9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

MESSAGE *Come Up for the Kingdom of God is Near*

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY **What Gift Can We Bring vs 1 & 4**

UMH #87

Verse 1

What gift can we bring what present what token
What words can convey it the joy of this day
When grateful we come rememb'ring rejoicing
What song can we offer in honor and praise

Verse 4

This gift we now bring this present this token
These words can convey it the joy of this day
When grateful we come rememb'ring rejoicing
This song we now offer in honor and praise

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Spirit of Belovedness, we ask you to multiply these gifts in ways that extend what we can do exponentially. Through them many may be uplifted. May our gifts be transformed into your voice of love in the world. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Shall We Gather At the River

UMH #723

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

And so now go into the world, knowing that as a disciple of Jesus, as a beloved child of the Holy One, and an heir of the Holy Spirit with angels attending you, you have all you need to be up to something.

When someone asks you, "What are you up to?"
you can respond,

All: "With God's help, I'm up to something good!"

Let the people say, Amen!

All: Amen!

POSTLUDE

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

LENTEN SOUP AND SIDES SALE

**Thank you for financially supporting our ministry.
We offer many ways to give:**

In the sanctuary or by mail.

Online at www.umcwayne.org

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/umcgiving>

Text "GIVING" to 973-447-3223

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ANNOUNCEMENTS February 18, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 19th – 25th

Monday February 19th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday February 20th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

The Third Day Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday February 21st

Say It To God Bible Study on Prayer @ 12pm (BYOL)

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday February 22nd

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

A Disciples Path Study @ 7pm

Friday February 23rd

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday February 25th

Second Sunday of Lent Worship @ 10am

***Let's be up to something good!
Join a study group during Lent***

Tuesday evening @7pm beginning February 20th
The Third Day: Living the Resurrection

Wednesday at 12pm (bring your lunch) beginning February 21st
Say It To God: In Search Of Prayer

Thursday's at 7pm beginning February 22nd
***A Disciples Path:
Deepening Your Relationship With Christ and the Church***



Calling all collectors!

Do you want your unused jewelry to have a new life?

The **First Friday Fellowship** group will be crafting some special surprises for Easter at their March 1 meeting.

We are in need of the following for our project:

*Any **jewelry pins, pendants, earrings, tie tacks, cuff links** that you are no longer wearing and would like to clear from your drawers.

Please consider costume jewelry only- no good stuff! Donations can be left in the box labeled "Baubles", found on the back shelf in the sanctuary.

Questions or comments?

See or contact Anita Dispenziere (201) 874- 6914
or anitadispenziere@gmail.com.

Lenten Soup and Sides Sale

Starting on Sunday, February 18 and continuing until Sunday, March 24, soups and sides will be available for sale after worship.

You are invited to purchase a pint or a quart of a variety of homemade soups and sides each week during this Lenten season of simplicity.

Each Sunday, several different types of soups and sides will be available.

The price is \$5 for each pint of soup or side.

Several volunteers are needed each week to supply soups and sides for the sale. Containers will be provided. Please see the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex.

Please contact Anita Dispenziere or Lyn Sentkowski for more information.

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Dates of the sale: February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, and 24

This nourishing labor of love will help support the missions and varied ministries of our church.

Local Spring Choral Concerts Announced!

The New Jersey Choral Society is presenting, “**Greetings from the Garden State**”. A selection of popular music made famous by award winning artists such as Frank Sinatra, The Four Seasons, Steely Dan, Whitney Houston and more!

Performances are: Friday March 8th @ 7:30pm and Saturday March 9th @ 3:00pm. Both performances are at the Westside Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood. **See Lyn Sentkowski for Tickets.**

The Ridgewood Singers are presenting, “**One Voice: Songs of Joy, Peace and Unity**” on Sunday, May 5th @ 2:00. The performance is at The First Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood. **See either Cathy Nalesnik or Anita Dispenziere for tickets.**

The Chosen Watch Parties

The Chosen is an American Christian Historical drama TV series currently on Amazon Prime. It is a multi-season series about the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Seasons 1 and 2 are currently available. Season 3 will be available soon. The series centers on Jesus and the different people who met and followed and interacted with Him.

We are trying to determine if anyone is interested in a weekly “Watch-Party” at the homes of our congregates. Lyn Sentowski will start it off by hosting the first meet ups.
Please find the sign-up form on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

The words and music in our liturgy, hymns, and songs are by:

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