



Take Up

2nd Sunday in Lent February 25, 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 op the church with goodness!

PRELUDE *We Will Feast in the House of Zion, How He Loves* Parish Drive

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God of infinite love, you have suffered in Christ for our sake.

All: This is a mystery!

Leader: You have suffered because you love us.

All: This is a gift!

Leader: You call us to take up our cross and follow Jesus, to enter into the suffering of the world.

All: This is our calling! But to follow, we need you.

So we come to you, to give thanks, to pray, and to worship. Bless us with your grace. Amen.

***HYMN** **And Are We Yet Alive** vs. 1,2 & 6 **UMH #553**

THE BASKET **Up, Up, and Away: Take Up!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Motivating and Invigorating God, you challenge us to walk a difficult path.

Show us, as Jesus did, that letting go of our own security and comfort and entering into the suffering of others is the only way to create space for your healing, justice, and reconciliation to move over the earth.

Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE FROM PSALM 22:25 - 31 sung response 2

UMH #752

SCRIPTURE **Mark 8:31-38**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

MESSAGE *Take Up: For the Good of the World*

ANTHEM *If I Ever Needed Someone*

Parish Drive

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
UMH #87

What Gift Can We Bring vs 1& 4

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Spirit of Life, we offer these gifts not as reluctant sacrifices but as wholehearted tokens of gratitude for all you are doing in this community and in our lives.

May our offerings help further God's goodness and mercy, here and everywhere.

Amen.

When grateful we come rememb'ring rejoicing
This song we now offer in honor and praise

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Forth In Thy Name, O Lord

UMH #438

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

And so now pick up where you left off on the path that God has set before you, leaving behind your certainty and the need for everything to be "just so," trusting your decision to follow the One who taught us the way of love, knowing that you have all you need to be up to something.

When someone asks you, "What are you up to?" you can respond, **"With God's help, I'm up to something good!"**

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Parish Drive

**TODAY AFTER WORSHIP
LENTEN SOUP AND SIDES SALE
CONFIRMATION CLASS**

SHINE THE LIGHT ON HOPE

Part 2:Christianity

An Interfaith Gathering to learn about other religions and deepen our relationship with each other is here at the UMC in Wayne

on March 10th from 3pm – 5pm

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELPERS

See Lynn O'Brien to find out what you can help with and sign up!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS February 25, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 25th – March 3rd

Monday February 26th

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

Tuesday February 27th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday February 29th

Bible Study on Prayer @ 12pm (BYOL)

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday February 29th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Friday March 1st

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

First Friday Fellowship @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYOLunch!

Sunday February 25th

Third Sunday of Lent Worship @ 10am

FIRST FRIDAY FUN IS THIS FRIDAY 3/1!!

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.

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, 25th and March 3, 10, 17, and 24th

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

Local Choral Concerts This Spring

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 8 th @ 7:30pm and Saturday March 9 th @ 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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