



Raise Up

Holy Communion

3rd Sunday in Lent March 3, 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 hot air balloon stickies located on the table outside of the office door.
Let’s fill op the church with goodness!*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lenten travelers, why are you here?

All: We gather to do the work of worship.

Leader: Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?

All: We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage.

Leader: Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?

All: We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another.

Leader: Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

All: God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another.

Leader: Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

All: Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

***HYMN**

God Is Here

UMH #660

THE BASKET Up, Up, and Away!

LISTENING PRAYER

Cleanse the temple of our hearts, O God, of all that would distance us from you. Bring us close and hold us near in your loving grace. Speak your Word to us, that we may be made whole. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 2:13-25

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves,

“Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

MESSAGE

Raise Up and Worship!

ANTHEM

Sanctuary arr. Carrie Newcomer

Cathy Nalesnik

PRAYER OF GOD’S PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly turn from their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trusting in God’s tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

All: God of love, we confess our need for your grace.

In the temple of our hearts, receive our gifts, forgive our sin, and set us free. We offer up to you all in us that you would transform by your grace.

ASSURANCE FROM PSALM 19

response 1

UMH #750

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

What Gift Can We Bring vs 1& 4

UMH #87

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, all we have comes from you and has been given to us as stewards that we might live and love as your beloved children. As we bring our gifts this morning, we realize what a small portion they are compared to what you have given to us. As we have sought ways to fund church ministry without raising our level of sacrifice, forgive us. If there have been times when we unconsciously favored reaching those with more assets to give and overlooked those who live and struggle with little, forgive us. Guide us in the path of repentance. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

After our servers come forward to receive the gifts of bread and grape juice you will be invited by our ushers to receive Holy Communion either being served in your seat or coming forward to receive by intinction at the Altar. After receiving we invite you to reflect upon your communion with Christ.

Pastor Ninabeth: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Pastor Ninabeth: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Ninabeth: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Setting *please see Communion Setting in Pews*

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* **CLOSING HYMN**

How Great Thou Art

UMH #77

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

And so now go from this holy dwelling place, ready to encourage and raise your neighbors up from a foundation built on grace, holding fast to the vision for God's kingdom on earth, 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!"** Let the people say, Amen! **Amen!**

POSTLUDE

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

LENTEN SOUP AND SIDES SALE

Confirmation Class

Administrative Council

***Thank you for financially supporting our ministry.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS March 3, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 4th – March 10th

Monday March 4th

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

Tuesday March 5th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday March 6th

Bible Study on Prayer @ 12pm (BYOL)

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday March 7th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study on A Disciples Path @7pm in the Pastor's office

Friday March 8th

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday March 10th

Fourth Sunday of Lent Worship @ 10am

Shine a Light on Hope From 3pm – 5pm

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.

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 Sentkowski will start it off by hosting the first meet ups. **Please find the sign-up form on the bulletin board in the Narthex.**

Spring Choral Concerts!

Mark your calendars!

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 Westside Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood. **See Lyn Sentkowski for Tickets.**

The Ridgewood Singers are presenting, "One Voice: Songs of Joy, Peace and Unity" 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 **New Jersey Choral Society** is presenting, "**Gloryland**" which features American songs from the traditions of Spirituals, Gospel and the Sacred Harp. The performance is Saturday, June 8th at 7:30 at the Westside Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood. **Please see Lyn Sentkowski for tickets.**

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