



Light Up

4th Sunday in Lent March 10, 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 sticky notes located on the table outside of the office.
When complete please place them on the poster in the Narthex.
Let’s fill op the church with goodness!*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God, you love the world so much!

You give us your deep, embodied love.

**All: Help us to trust, to break free of our fears,
and receive life that can’t be taken from us.**

Leader: You shine the light of your mercy in our lives,
so that we may see and live truthfully.

All: Help us walk in your light.

Shine your Word upon us.

***HYMN**

Because He Lives

UMH # 364

THE BASKET Our Adventure Book!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**All: Loving God, in your light is the life of all beings;
your judgment is light.**

**Out of the shadows, from dark, unseen places within us,
we come into your light.**

We open our hearts, to let in your light.

**Help us see what has been hidden,
the good and the bad,**

and shine your mercy upon it.

**May your light embrace us, forgive us, heal us,
and show us the way. Amen.**

Silent prayer...

ASSURANCE FROM PSALM 51

response 2

UMH #785

SCRIPTURE **John 3:14-21**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

MESSAGE *Light up the World*

HYMN

Be Not Afraid

see insert

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Spirit of Redeeming Light, we offer these gifts in response to the needs that have been made visible to this community.

We ask that you guide us to discover the places yet unseen where you would have us be a beacon of hope to others.

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

*** CLOSING HYMN I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light**

UMH #206

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

And so now take your light out into the world, knowing that a single flame will overcome even the deepest shadows that you face, and that in the longest nights of uncertainty and doubt, 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

Shine a Light on Hope is Today!

***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/umcwgiving>

Text "GIVING" to 973-447-3223

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ANNOUNCEMENTS March 10, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 11th – March 17th

Monday March 11th

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

Tuesday March 12th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday March 13th

Bible Study on Prayer @ 12pm (BYOL)

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday March 14th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

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

Friday March 15th

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday March 17th

Fifth Sunday of Lent Worship @ 10am

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

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

Because He Lives. Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither CCLI Song #16880 © 1971 Hanna Street Music
Be Not Afraid,

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light, Kathleen Thomerson CCLI Song #89848 1970, 1975 Celebration
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