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PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

The Prayer of St. Francis

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, you who are love, you create us in love.

All: We are the body of your love.

Leader: Christ, love made flesh, you come to us in grace and healing.

All: We are your Beloved, blessed and embraced.

Leader: Holy Spirit, energy of love, your fire alone in us is our life.

All: We are bearers of your love to this world.

**Fill us with your love, fill us to overflowing,
for the sake of the world you love. Amen.**

HYMN

The Gift of Love

UMH #408

OPENING PRAYER

God of love, we come with fears and desires, habits and attachments, and all our compulsive agendas. Give us peace to release them all, to seek only your love, and to give only your love. Bless us with your grace, that our lives may be shaped by the love that bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things, in the name of Christ. Amen.

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in God's tender mercy, we open ourselves in honesty to God.

**All: God of love, help us to see ourselves with the eyes of love,
to see what is in us that is loving, and what is not loving.**

God, we recall those times we have acted in love, and we give thanks.

silent prayer...

We recall when we have not acted in love; we call to mind those relationships in which love comes harder for us, and we seek your grace..

silent prayer...

**God of mercy, in Christ you have shown us your grace.
Forgive us, heal us, and perfect your love in us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Take delight in the good news, dear friends. God chooses to be gracious; God longs to give us our heart's desires; God provides healing and hope to all.

All: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 6:27-38

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

MESSAGE

SONG

Who You Say I Am

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

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

Give Thanks

*Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2*

*And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2*

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You pour out grace upon us, Loving God, not so we might be filled, but we might empty ourselves for others. Take these gifts we offer in these moments and use them to bring new life and hope to all around us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.

* CLOSING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH #519

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Economy of Jesus Week 6 – Fill My Cup with Grace

In Jesus's sermon on the Plain, Jesus distills his message and boils it down to its essence: be merciful as God is merciful. God is loving and gracious. God's grace is bestowed freely, generously on all people without being earned or merited. There is nothing we can do to lose God's love. We are loved because God is love. Over a life time grace moves us to deepen our love of God and to grow in a love of neighbor – even our enemies! The more love we give away, the more love will come back to us, in greater and greater measure, until it cannot be contained. This is what God wants from us, God's will and God's plan.

Take a moment to reflect on the experience of grace in your life.

How has this experience shaped your relationship with God and others?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS February– March 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 24th – March 2nd

Monday February 24th

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

Tuesday February 25th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday February 26th

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday February 27th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Christian Meditation in the French Chapel

Friday February 28th

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

Sunday March 2nd

Worship with Holy Communion @ 10am

Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal @11:15am

Save the Date!

New Jersey Choral Society Presents...

Sun, Moon & Stars

A collection of hits from the 60s and 70s

Saturday, March 15th, 2025 at 7:30pm

Sunday March 16th, 2025 at 3:00pm

St Joseph's Regional High School

Montvale, NJ

Tickets available at www.njcs.org or contact Lyn Sentkowski



OPORTUNITIES TO DEEPEN OUR FAITH DURING LENT

Draw Close – Thursday Evenings 7:15pm – 8:30pm on Zoom

The Scriptures of Lent are full of anticipation and curiosity. They invite us to open our hearts and pay attention to God's work in the beauty and brokenness of the world around us.

Each week we will approach a biblical text with

Playful creativity!

Grab your pencils, paint, fabric, musical instruments and let's draw close and see what God is up to!

Please contact the office or Pastor Ninabeth with any questions you may have and to receive the ZOOM link.



New Sermon Series Starting Next Week!



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Sermon Series for Lent

THE HARDEST PART

Hurt we carry & Hope we find

Joy and sorrow, big wins
and even bigger failures.

Lent is one of those rare seasons where we get to stop pretending things will suddenly get better, *instead*, we hold space for life's fragility - and let God meet us there, right in the middle of it all!



Lenten Soup Sale

Our annual soup sale during Lent begins on Sunday, March 9 and will continue until April 13. Sign-up sheets for soup makers are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Containers are provided.

As in the past, there will be delicious varieties of soups to purchase each week at a bargain price of \$5 per pint. All are welcome to support the sale by preparing or purchasing these savory soups! Questions? See Anita Dispenziere or Lyn Sentkowski



New Community Garden

Spring will be here before we know it!

A season of growth and new beginnings, and a new garden!

We would like to start a **community garden** on our church property! We are looking for folks interested in planning, building, planting and any other ideas you have to offer. We would like to call it “**The Garden of Eatin’**”

If you are ready, willing and able to help, please email Pastor Ninabeth at pastorninabeth@gmail.com.

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