

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS

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SCRIPTURE READINGS for January 8th (1st Sunday after the Epiphany)

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Bible Study	Sun. 9:15am
Choir Rehearsal	Sun. 9:30AM & after worship
Sunday School	Sun. 9:30am
Youth Explosion Teen Meeting	Sun. after worship
Bible Study	Tue. 10:30am
Senior Computer Classes	Tue. 6:30pm
United Methodist Men	January 3, 2017 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday's Word	*TBA- January 2017
Evening Bible Study	Wed. 6:30pm & 7:45pm
United Methodist Women	*TBA- January 2017
Prayer Ministry	Sat. 9:00 am

ONGOING EVENTS

Daughters of Esther

Sparkle Project

Youth Explosion - Friday Fun Night!
(*1st & Last Friday of the Month)

*UMH- United Methodist Hymnal

*W&S- Worship & Song

†Please stand if able (latecomers
may be seated).

We WELCOME our guests and pray that this service is a blessing to you. If our Pastor can be of service to you, call (914) 632-2166 or e-mail: umcnewrochelle@gmail.com.



Covenant Renewal Service
Epiphany Sunday
January 1, 2017 – 10:30AM

Reverend Michelle E. Lewis
Pastor

*New Rochelle United Methodist Church is a Diverse Community
uplifting each other with love, prayer, faith, and service
to transform lives through Jesus Christ.*

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United People Living In Faith to Transform

You are invited to prepare for worship by praying at the altar or in your seat
- Please silence cell phones -

ENTER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING

Drumming

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Come Let Us Use the Grace Divine" UMH 606

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/GREETINGS

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60:1-6)

ONE: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

ALL: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

ONE: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

ALL: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses arms.

ONE: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

ALL: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

SONG "Welcome" W&S 3152

(See Insert)

HYMN "This is A Day of New Beginnings" UMH 383

APPORTIONMENTS:

Please be prayerful about giving at least \$50 each month above your tithes. This will help us to meet our monthly apportionment and insurance obligations while meeting all other expenses of the church. Thank you.

- Finance Team

BIBLE STUDY: Streaming Every Wednesday Evening!

There are two options for Bible Study. Both take place on Wednesday night. **This week (1/4/17) there will be no 6:30pm bible study; the 7:45 study will be live streamed only.** Live streaming is via the app/web platform *Periscope*. We are NRUMC Bible Study.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT: First & Last Friday! 7pm - 9pm

Join the Youth Explosion Youth Group for a night of Christian Fun, including: food, games, bible study and more! For info call (917) 202-2763

YOUTH OUTREACH:



Every second Sunday, the Youth Explosion youth group will be making soup and sandwiches to be served to the less fortunate. See Carla Moseley Director for donation suggestions or ways to participate.

DISASTER RELIEF: NRUMC IS A Drop-Off Location

We are a drop-off location for cleaning supplies for those affected by natural disasters. Please see posted donation lists to see how you can help.

NRUMC's Mission Committee is collecting the essential health kit materials to provide aid to the many tragically impacted by natural disasters and other critical events. **Kits are \$12ea.**

SUBMISSIONS:

Please remember to submit all announcements to the church office in writing by Tuesday at 11am to be approved for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRAINING SESSIONS HAVE BEGUN: Attention Liturgists & Lay Speakers

*Beginning January 2017, *only* those who have participated will be liturgists in worship.

Pastor's Training for liturgists and lay speakers will be held on the following dates:

1/31, and 2/21/17. Sessions will begin promptly at 7:00pm.

NRUMC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: January 22, 2016

There will be a service to officially welcome new members; please contact the office if you are interested in joining the church, and have not yet expressed this with Pastor Lewis.

SAVE THE DATE: Habitat for Humanity

January 22nd after worship we will partner w/Iona College & others to work on a Habitat home.

2017 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT LAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING: SAT January 28, 2017

This training event will take place from 9am to 3:30pm at Salem United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 28th (2190 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd. | New York, NY 10027). All participants must pre-register; **registration ends January 18, 2017**. See posted flyer for information or go to <https://ny-reg.brtapp.com/2017METDistrictLeadershipTraining> to register.

NEW YEAR'S BLESSINGS:

The United Methodist Women are still accepting donations of canned/non-perishable goods on behalf of our local families this season of giving. Please search your hearts and cabinets as you are able, and help the UMW bless the sick and shut-in, as well as others in need this holiday season. See Alma Jordan or Andrea Harewood for information; donations will be received in the Narthex just outside the doors to the Sanctuary.

2017 ENVELOPES: Available NOW!



All envelopes are available outside the sanctuary for pick up. If there are any questions whatsoever about the spelling of your name, if you would like to update your contact info; if you have for some reason not seen your envelopes; or perhaps would simply like to request your own set of giving envelopes, please let us know. **Request cards** are available outside the sanctuary, and may be placed in the offering plates or simply returned to the church office.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

(Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies)

O God, our Covenant Friend,

You have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives.

We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory.

You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you, and have given us your peace. You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit and the witnesses of your Church.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have been our light in darkness

And a rock of strength in adversity and temptation.

You have been the very spirit of joy in our joys and the all sufficient reward in all our labors.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You remembered us when we forgot you.

You followed us even when we tried to flee from you.

You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you.
For all your patience and overflowing grace.

We praise your holy name, O God.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

(In response to the words "Lord in your mercy..." all should respond, "Hear our prayer.")

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Thank You Lord"

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(See Insert)

FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

†PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 [NRSV p.533]

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:1-12 [NRSV p.193]

CHOIR SELECTION

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

†GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12 [NRSV p.91]

SERMON

Rev. Michelle E. Lewis

SONG

"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"

UMH 206

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Praise God the source of all our gifts

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts

Praise the spirit, holy spirit,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

his promises to claim.

O tidings of comfort and joy...

Lord, let your servant go in peace,

your word has been fulfilled.

My eyes have seen the saving work

which for the world you willed.

The glory of your chosen ones

as light for all revealed,

O tidings of comfort and joy...

O praise to God creator,

and praise to God the Son.

And praise to God the Spirit,

most blessed three in one.

As 'twas, is now, and e'er shall be

while endless ages run!

O tidings of comfort and joy...

†BENEDICTION... *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Leader: May the good Lord bless and keep,

cause his face on you to shine,

Look on you with favor deep, Granting you God's peace divine.

All Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE

DEPART TO SERVE

all the glory of your name!
Hail, Hosanna, God most high!
Blest is he who now draws nigh,
Hail, Hosanna! Praises due,
be forever, Lord, to you!

Leader: Words of consecration.

The Lord's Prayer... *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

**Our Father, Lord, on heaven's high throne,
most holy be your name.
Your Kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth, in heaven the same.
Give us this day the food we need;
forgiven may we be;
Into temptation do not lead;
from evil set us free.**

**Yours is the Kingdom, unto you
in grateful love we bow.
And yours the power, let us view,
your Holy presence now.
The glory yours; your praise be sung
by angel hosts again.
By those of every land and tongue,
forevermore! Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

A Prayer of Thanksgiving... *"God Rest Ye Merry"*

**O Thank the Lord and sing his praise,
what God has done proclaim!
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice,
and proudly bear God's name.
Who leads the thankful people forth,**

OFFERATORY PRAYER

Great God our Redeemer, we sing your praises. Your glorious love shines in the face of Jesus, born a babe in this dark world. We marvel that he generously humbled himself to bring salvation. How precious is your gift of love! Let the light in our sanctuary and our songs of praise spill through the windows to neighbors dwelling in darkness. May our gifts and offerings reflect the light of Christ and, as beacons in the night, draw people far and near closer to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Titus 2)

INVITATION TO COVENANT RENEWAL

...Let us therefore, go to Christ and pray:

**Let me be your servant, under your command.
I will no longer by my own.
I will give up myself to your will in all things.**

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

**Lord, make me what you will.
I put myself fully into your hands:
Put me to doing, put me to suffering,
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and with a willing heart
Give it all to your pleasure and disposal.**

...open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

**O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, see me as I fall down before you.
Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done your will, for you have promised mercy to me if I turn to you with my whole heart.**

...put away all your idols

I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all, covenanting with you that no

known sin shall be allowed in my life. Against your will, I have turned my love toward the world. In your power I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from you. For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, unable to stand before you.

...through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would let him.

Before all heaven and earth, I here acknowledge you as my Lord and God.
I take you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for my portion, and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as your servant, to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.

...only way and means of coming to God.

I do here accept Christ as the only new and living Way, and sincerely join myself in a covenant with him. O blessed Jesus, I come to you, hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked, unworthy even to wash the feet of your servants. I do here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Head. I renounce my own worthiness, and vow that you are the Lord, my righteousness.

I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my only guide.

I renounce my own will, and take your will as my law.

...you must suffer with him.

I do here covenant with you, O Christ, to take my lot with you as it may fall.
Through your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from you.

...rule of your life.

I do here willingly put my neck under your yoke, to carry your burden. All your laws are holy, just, and good. I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions, promising that I will strive to order my whole life according to your direction, and not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.

...searches and knows your heart.

O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today without guile or reservation. If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright. And now, glory be to you, O God the Father, whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father. Glory be to you, O God the Son, who have loved me and washed me from

my sins in your own blood, and now is my Savior and Redeemer. Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit, who by your almighty power have turned y heart from sin to God.

O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have now become my Covenant Friend. And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant. So be it.

And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven.

Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY (*A Carol Setting*)

Preface and Praise... "Angels We have Heard on High"

Leader:

May the good Lord be with you,

lift your hearts to God in praise.

All:

May the Lord be with you too.

To the Lord our hearts we raise!

Gloria in Excelsis Deo...

In the Word of God made flesh, great and wondrous mystery.

Now we see with vision fresh, God's abundant majesty.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo...

Leader (Spoken)

Thanks be to you our mighty Creator, merciful Lord and God of promise and fulfillment. In ancient days your people waited for the day of your visitation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and you sent forth Jesus Christ, your Son, having seen his glory we now wait for the day of consummation, when he will come again as judge and King. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

The Sanctus... *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

Holy, holy, holy Lord!

God of hosts by all adored!

Heav'n and earth cannot contain



1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a while and
2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when
3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when



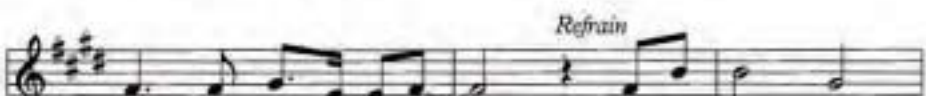
ask where we be - gin — to build a world where
we will share a feast, — where pride and pow - er
earth and heaven are one, — a ci - ty built of



love can grow and hope can en - ter in, — to
kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, — and
love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, — where our

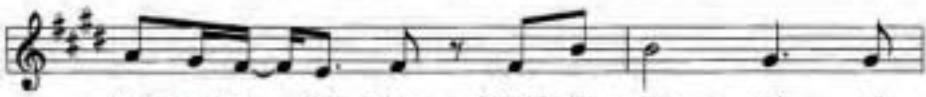


be the hands of heal - ing and to
joy will set the ta - ble as we
mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery



Refrain

plant the seed of peace, — sing - ing wel - come,
join our hands to pray, — sing - ing wel - come,
crea - ture lifts its voice, — cry - ing wel - come,



wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to



come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the



love of God to share — 'cause all of us are wel - come here; —



— all are wel - come in this place. —

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Thank You, Lord

Traditional

Slow

Unison or parts

Traditional
Arr. by J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937-
and Verolga Nix, 1933-



1. Thank you, Lord, — Thank you, Lord, — Thank you, Lord, —
2. Been so good, — Been so good, — Been so good, —
3. Love you, Lord, — Love you, Lord, — Love you, Lord, —



- Lord, — I just want to thank you, Lord, —
good, — I just want to thank you, Lord, —
Lord, — I just want to thank you, Lord, —

