



Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration of the Lord February 26, 2017 –10:30AM

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You are invited to prepare for worship by praying at the altar or in your seat

- Please silence cell phones - (\*) Please stand if able -

### ENTER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING Drumming

\*PROCESSIONAL "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**UMH 400** 

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/GREETINGS

SONG "Welcome"

W&S 3152

(See p.4)

HYMN "Kum ba Yah"

SOZ 139

(See p.5)

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 99

ONE: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

ALL: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

ONE: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

ALL: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

ONE: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

ALL: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

ONE: O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. ALL: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

### OPENING PRAYER

You O God are our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end.

We come to you this morning in thanksgiving for the gifts of your grace, love, and mercy. Forgive us for any ingratitude over the past week. Save us from being self-centered in our lives, and let us always be mindful of others. Let us be so consumed by your love that we will feel the desire to exhibit this love into the world. We pray all these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "We've Come This Far By Faith"

**AAH 412** 

p.9

TFWS 2223

(See p.6)

FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 24:12-18 [NRSV p.70]

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Peter 1:16-21 [NRSV p.236]

\*GOSPEL READING Matthew 17:1-9 [NRSV p.18]

SERMON "What Are You Afraid Of?" Rev. Michelle E. Lewis

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

SONG (See p.8)

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

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord, we come now to offer our talents, our hearts, our love — our everything. You continue to make a way when there doesn't seem to be one. You ask that we lay everything on the altar and be made whole. Lord, we do. Bless, keep, mold, shape, heal us in every way. Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN

"We Shall Overcome"

**UMH 533** 

### \*BENEDICTION

Today is all we have.

We will rejoice,
we will be renewed
and we will learn from the past,
cherish today, and
welcome the future
because you have given us a powerful and sacred history.

We will teach and learn,
speak and listen,
and grow strong every day of every month.

Amen. (umcdiscipleship.org)

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

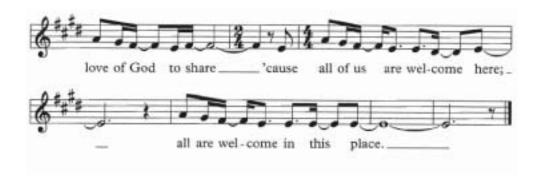
"The Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE

DEPART TO SERVE

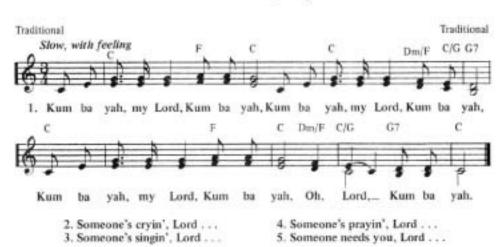


WORDS: Laurie Zelman and Mark A. Miller MUSIC: Mark A. Miller WELCOME Irr. with Refrain



# Kum Ba Yah, My Lord

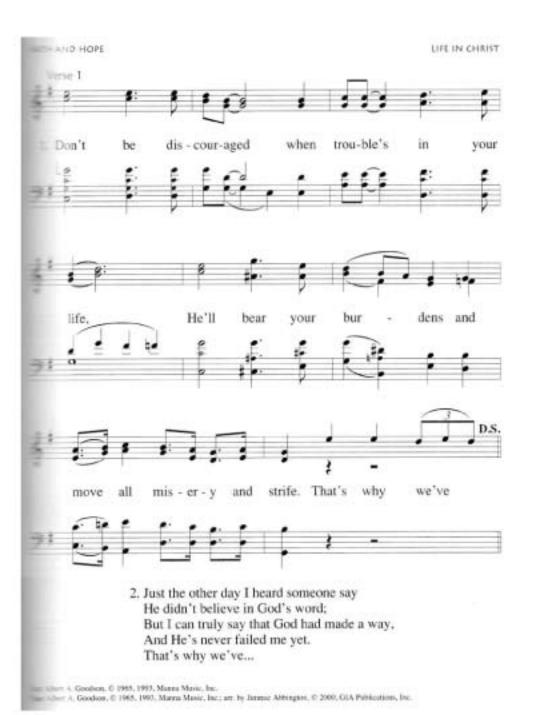




LIFE IN CHRIST FAITH AND HOME

# 412 WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH





# 2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



- 1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
- 2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
- We will work with each oth er, we will work side by side,
   All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come.



we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored: and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land: and we'll guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride: and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. \_\_\_\_

WORDS: Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:4-6)

MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2016 STATEMENTS:

If for any reason you have not received a contribution statement or have any questions regarding these statements, be sure to contact the church office. If you've had any changes to your name or contact information during the past year, please fill out an envelope request card (at the Sanctuary entrance) and either place it in the offering plate, return it to your nearest usher or submit it directly to the church office. Statements that were not picked up by Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> have been mailed directly.

#### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:

During the month of **February**, the UMW will sponsor a **Clothing Drive** to support women in domestic violence and homeless shelters that are preparing to return to work. Donations of new or gently used professional women's attire will be accepted in the parlor.

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

Please save the date if you have not yet done so: March 25, 2017 the United Methodist Women of the NYAC Metropolitan District will host a Retreat Conference here at NRUMC. Please see Sister Eunice Gooding with any questions.

### 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.

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# BIBLE STUDY: Streaming Every Wednesday Evening!

There are two options for Bible Study. Both take place on Wednesday night. One is at 6:30 and the other begins at 7:45. **The 7:45 study will also be live streamed**. Live streaming is via the app/web platform *Periscope*. We are NRUMC Bible Study.

### 2017 MET LAY SERVANT SCHOOL:

The Metropolitan district will offer basic and advanced courses for Lay Servants this April and May, respectively. Registration forms are posted around the building, and are available upon request. The deadline to register for the basic course is March 8, 2017; the registration ends for the advanced course on April 6, 2017. Please see brother Alvin Long with any questions.

### YOUTH MINISTRY:



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.

### 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

### YAM MISSION 2017:

Several young Methodists (chaperoned by our very own Kevin Smith) return tomorrow from a Youth Ambassador Journey to Tamale, Ghana (Feb 17-27, 2017). All are requested to please remember them in your prayers.

### SENIOR COMPUTER CLASSES:

Sessions will take place on Tuesdays, from 6:00-7:30pm.

### 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.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS

 Mrs. Clarice Cameron
 3368 Fenton Ave
 Bronx, NY 10469

 Mrs. Jean Campbell
 New Rochelle, NY 10801

 Ms. Carlotta Eller
 90 Ringgold Street #S302
 Peekskill, NY 10566

 Ms. Delores Luckett
 125 South 13th Ave #1B
 Mt. Vernon, NY 10550

 Ms. Violet Wilburn
 87 High Street #6K
 Yonkers, NY 10703

# SCRIPTURE READINGS for March 5th (1tst Sunday in Lent, Year A)

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sun. 9:15am Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal Sun. 9:30AM & after worship Sun. 9:30am Sunday School Youth Explosion Teen Meeting Sun. after worship Tue. 10:30am Bible Study Senior Computer Classes Tue. 6:00pm United Methodist Men March 4, 2017 @ 9:30am Wednesday's Word Wed. 3:00pm Evening Bible Study Wed. 6:30pm & 7:45pm United Methodist Women March 10, 2017 @ 7:30pm

Prayer Ministry

# ONGOING EVENTS

Daughters of Esther Sparkle Project

Youth Explosion - Friday Fun Nightl (\*1 st Last Friday of the Month)

AAH - African American Hymnal SOZ – Songs of Zion TFWS- The Faith We Sing UMH- United Methodist Hymnal

\*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.

Sat. 9:00 am

Bible Study for the week begining

## February 19th, 2017

Notes:

- Begin with prayer for the the community, state, nation, and the world. Also pray for those in leadership over our nation.
- Read Psalm 99. When you read about God being a God of Justice, what resonates for you?
- 3. What are some of the words we use to describe God in our every day lives?
- What do you think of when you imagine God avenging wrongdoings?
   Read Exodus 24:12-18. How has God/the Holy Spirit been present in your life?
- 6. What has been your experience of the power of God to provide healing and
- reconciliation to family relationships? Read p.49 in the Causes, Evils & Cures of Heart

& Church Divisions. Do you agree with the author's statement(s)?

7. Read p.50 in the Causes, Evils & Cures of Heart & Church Divisions. How might we continue to use love to bring healing to the nation?