



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

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Pastor

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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 - (* 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
(See p.6)

"We've Come This Far By Faith"

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FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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

SONG
(See p.8)

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

TFWS 2223

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



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



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. _____

Kum Ba Yah, My Lord

139

Traditional

Slow, with feeling

Traditional

C F C C Dm/F C/G G7

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah, Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah,

C F C Dm/F C/G G7 C

Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah, Oh, Lord, - Kum ba yah.

2. Someone's cryin', Lord . . .

3. Someone's singin', Lord . . .

4. Someone's prayin', Lord . . .

5. Someone needs you, Lord . . .

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*For we walk by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7*

Refrain

We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on

Lord; Trust-ing in His ho-ly word,

He's nev-er failed me yet. Oh

can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith.

Verse 1

1. Don't be dis-cour-aged when trou-ble's in your
life, He'll bear your bur-dens and
move all mis-er-y and strife. That's why we've

D.S.

2. Just the other day I heard someone say
He didn't believe in God's word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way,
And He's never failed me yet.
That's why we've...

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

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,
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
4. 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-gether 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:

Refrain



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

ST. BRENDAN'S

76.76.86 with Refrain

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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. 19th 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.

-Finance Team

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

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| 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 Lockett | 125 South 13 th Ave #1B | Mt. Vernon, NY 10550 |
| Ms. Violet Wilburn | 87 High Street #6K | Yonkers, NY 10703 |

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

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

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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. 6:00pm |
| 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 | Sat. 9:00 am |

ONGOING EVENTS

Daughters of Esther

Sparkle Project

Youth Explosion - Friday Fun Night!
(*1st & 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.

Bible Study for the week beginning

February 19th, 2017

1. Begin with prayer for the the community, state, nation, and the world. Also pray for those in leadership over our nation.
2. 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?
4. What do you think of when you imagine God avenging wrongdoings?
5. 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?