



Second Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2017 – 10:30AM

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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

"Lift High the Cross"

UMH 159

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/GREETINGS

SONG

"Welcome"

W&S 3152

(See p.5)

SONG

"Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone"

W&S 3104

(See p.7)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 121

ONE: I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

ALL: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

ONE: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

ALL: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

ONE: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

ALL: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

ONE: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**ALL: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on
and forevermore.**

OPENING PRAYER

**O Holy God, as we continue into this season of Lent, we thank you for your love, grace,
and mercy. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus who was both human and divine.**

From him we have the example for withstanding temptation. We thank you for helping us to hold on to your word when we are being tempted, but we also thank you for and accept the forgiveness that comes when we are tempted. Give us the strength to exhibit your love and forgiveness into the world that we might be transformed. 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

UMH 895

**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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

***PASSING THE PEACE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHOIR SELECTION

"Perfect Sacrifice"

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 [NRSV p.155]

***GOSPEL READING**

John 3:1-17 [NRSV p.93]

SERMON

"Finding Truth in Darkness"

Rev. Michelle E. Lewis

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, you delight in creating life and beauty. Thank you for the abundant grace that you freely give. Let our church be a community that lives by this good news: even our faith in Jesus Christ is a gift we receive. Use these offerings to further our church's mission, providing opportunities for people to grow in wisdom and to spread the harmony of your peace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (Romans 4:1-17)

CLOSING HYMN

"Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior"

UMH 351

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Let the Church Say Amen"

**Let the church say amen
Let the church say amen
God has spoken, let the church say amen.
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen
God has spoken.
Let the church say amen.**

POSTLUDE

DEPART TO SERVE

Bible Study Notes & Questions

1. Begin by praying for the Nation, the State, the community, and the church.
2. Read Psalm 121. It is believed that this Psalm may have, "originated from a pilgrimage collection"¹. Can you resonate with this being a Psalm for a journey? Have you been on a journey lately? Where were you going? Did you get there? Did you run into any problems along the way?
3. Read Genesis 22:10. How does the Psalm relate to the Genesis text?
4. What do you experience as evil in our present society?
5. Read Romans 4:1-5, 13-17. When have you experienced your faith being tested?
6. Read John 3:1-17. Have you ever had a Nicodemus moment, i.e. seeking God in the dark on night, instead of during the day? Why?
7. What can we learn from the story of Nicodemus?



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. _____

Amazing Grace

(My Chains Are Gone)



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that
 (2. 'Twas) grace that taught my heart to fear; and
 (3. The) Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 (4. The) earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 sun for - bear to shine. But God who called me

Last time to God ⊕ 1

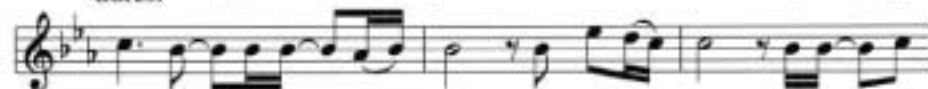


now am found; was blind, but now I see. 2. 'Twas
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be -
 por - tion be as long as life en -
 here be - low, will be for - ev - er

2, 3 *Refrain*



lieved, My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my
 dures.



Sav - ior, has ran - somed me. And like a flood his mer - cy



reigns, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace.

2 *D.S.* 3



⊕ CODA

3. The grace. My chains are grace. 4. The



mine, will be for - ev - er mine. You are for - ev - er mine.

WORDS: John Newton (sts.), refrain by Chris Tomlin, and Louie Giglio

MY CHAINS ARE GONE

MUSIC: Traditional American melody; refrain and arr. by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

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THE
FORTY
DAYS
of LENT



RETURN
to the
LORD
YOUR
GOD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP'S MEETING WITH THE DISTRICT:

All members are invited to a meeting with the Bishop on **Monday, March 13th** at **7:00pm** at **Christ UMC, 524 Park Avenue | NY, NY 10065**. Please email metdistrict@nyac-umc.com & include your name and church if you plan to attend.

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 was March 8, 2017; registration ends for the advanced course on April 6, 2017**. Please see brother Alvin Long with any questions.

A TRAILBLAZER IN OUR MIDST:

The Bronx/Westchester, NY Conference Women's Missionary Society, A.M.E.C., will honor Ms. Kay V. Boyd with a Trailblazers Award at their *Sixth Annual Black & White Formal Gala* on **3/24/17** between **7pm-12am @ The Stone Manor (101 Saw Mill River Road | Hawthorne, NY)**. For tickets/journal information, please see Ms. Boyd.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:

All women are invited to attend the next two United Methodist Women events. 37th Annual Communion Brunch, Saturday March 18th at Epworth UMC, 834 Concourse Village East, Bronx, NY 10451. It begins at 9:00am. Registration information available in the lobby after today's worship service.

New Rochelle will host the New York Annual Conference's United Methodist Women's Annual Spiritual Retreat on Saturday, March 25th. All women are invited to come and be renewed and refreshed spiritually. Please register by March 20th for a fee of \$15.00. A continental breakfast will be provided. More information available in the lobby after today's service.

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.

JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH:

In celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month, the Antigua House will present song stylist, Kay Boyd in an April Love Jazz Brunch on Sunday, April 2nd at 12 W. 122nd, NYC, 12pm to 4pm. 1st Seating: 12pm - 2pm; 2nd Seating: 2pm – 4pm. Tel. (800) 486-9502 or see Ms. Boyd.

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.

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.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:

For the past several years, the Youth Explosion group has sent Care Packages twice per year to our college students. These students are really appreciative of these packages. **Today, March 12, 2017**, our youth group will request a **Special Contribution** to help defray the cost of these packages.

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**

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 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 19th (3rd Sunday in Lent, Year A)

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

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. 6:00pm
United Methodist Men	To Be Announced
Wednesday's Word	Wed. 3:00pm
Evening Bible Study	Wed. 6:30pm & 7:45pm
United Methodist Women	April 14, 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)

TFWS- The Faith We Sing
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.