



Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 2, 2017 – 10:30AM

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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 - (* Please stand if able -

ENTER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING

Drumming

*PROCESSIONAL

"This is a Day of New Beginnings"

UMH 383

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/GREETINGS

SONG

"Welcome"

W&S 3152

(See Insert)

SONG

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

TFWS 2088

(See p.7)

HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 130

ONE: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

ONE: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

**ALL: But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

ONE: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

**ALL: my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,**

more than those who watch for the morning.

ONE: O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

**ALL: It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, seeing as there is in Christ Jesus an infinite fullness
of all that we can want or desire,**

**May we all receive from him,
grace upon grace;**

**grace to pardon our sins,
and subdue our iniquities;**

**to justify our persons
and to sanctify our souls;**

**and to complete that holy change,
that renewal of our hearts,**

**Which will enable us to be transformed into the blessed image
in which you created us.**

**O make us all acceptable to be partakers
of the inheritance of your saints in light. Amen.**

(adapted from the original by John Wesley)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Yes Lord Yes"

ZSS 183

(See p.8)

FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHOIR SELECTION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:6-11 [NRSV p.157]

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14 [NRSV p.806]

*GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-45 [NRSV p.105]

SERMON

"Do You Have the Will to Believe?"

Dr. Carol McLean-Long

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

Living God, you are the Holy One of Israel. Our world cries out in pain, as children and adults bear heavy loads of injustice and sorrow. You respond with great assurance: 'I am your Savior; I will give you a new life!' Thank you for including us in the work of

your church to bring help and renewal to people here and around the globe. Use our lives and these offerings to share the good news of your Spirit's gracious, healing power. We pray through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

(Ezekiel 37:1-14)

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your eyes.

We see our deliverer coming!

Bless the Lord!

God's holy name be praised!

Praised in heaven, praised in earth,
praised throughout your creation
is your name, Holy Triune God.

The trees of the field rejoice in your salvation,
and clap their hands.

The stars shine out your glory,
and the earth trembles at your presence.

Winds and waters scatter at the sound of your voice,
**and we, with all creation, cry "Holy!" Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are fully of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One
who comes in your name! Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ,

Way and Truth,

Resurrection and Life.

Calling disciples and making friends among us,
you ask us to believe
to entrust our lives to you,

God's first-begotten,

that we, with you, may rise

in the midst of this mortal life
and in the age to come.

Vanquisher of death,
Giver of life,
thank you for coming among us
and for offering yourself to us
in this holy meal
to lift every barrier,
call us out from every tomb,
and set us free from all that binds us.

With your first disciples, on the night of your betrayal into death,
you took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it, saying:

Take and eat this, my body given for you.

And you took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it, saying:

Drink this, my blood of the new covenant for you.

Here and now, come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come upon these gifts
and upon us.

Make them be for us
Christ's body and blood,
that we who receive them may be for all
the body of Christ made alive by his blood.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make us one.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Unite us with you.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Revive us!

Make us whole and holy on this day,

as we await that day
when we shall feast with Christ
in the new creation.

To Christ, to you, and to the All-Merciful Creator,
One God, Living and true,
be all praise, and honor, and glory
now and forever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND DISTRIBUTION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor and People:

Jesus, thank you! You have fed us with yourself that we may be bound to you in love, and overcome every temptation to bind ourselves again to any other power. In the power of the Holy Spirit, keep these bonds strong, and send us forth to set others free from evil's dominion. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Days of Elijah"

W&S 3186

(See p.9)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"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; _

The first line of musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are positioned below the staff, with a blank line for a missing word.

all are wel-come in this place. _____

The second line of musical notation continues the melody on a single staff in treble clef with the same key signature. The melody includes quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are positioned below the staff, with a blank line for a missing word.

2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way, -

- from the earth - to the cross - my debt to pay; -

- from the cross to the grave, - from the grave to the sky; -

- Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Foundy (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Foundy

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Irregular

Yes, Lord, Yes

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"I delight to do your will. O my God, your law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:8)

I said, "Yes, Lord, yes!" — to your will and to your way. —

— I say, "Yes, Lord, yes!" — I will trust you and o-bey. —

— When your Spir-it speaks to me, — with my

whole heart I'll a-gree — and my an-swer will be yes, Lord, yes!

1 I said — Lord, yes! —
2 — Lord, yes! —

WORDS: Lynn Kessecker

MUSIC: Lynn Kessecker, art. by Marilyn E. Thornton

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1. These are the days of E - li - jah, de -
 2. These are the days of E - ze - kiel, the



clar - ing the Word of the Lord. And
 dry bones be - com - ing as flesh. And



these are the days of your ser - vant, Mo - ses;
 these are the days of your ser - vant, Da - vid, re -



right - eous - ness be - ing re - stored, And
 build - ing the tem - ple of praise. And



though these are days of great tri - als, of
 these are the days of the har - vest; the



fam - ine and dark - ness and sword, still
 fields are as white in the world. And



we are the voice in the des - ert cry - ing, "Pre -
 we are your la - bor - ers in your vine - yard de -



Refrain
 pare ye the way of the Lord." - Be - hold he
 clar - ing the Word of the Lord.

comes rid-ing on the clouds, - shin-ing like the sun -
- at the trum-pet call. So lift your
voice, it's the year of Ju-bi-lee. - And out of Zi-on's
hill sal - va - tion comes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH: TODAY, April 2nd at 12 W. 122nd, NYC, 12pm to 4pm

The Antigua House will present song stylist, Kay Boyd in an April Love Jazz Brunch. 1st Seating: 12pm - 2pm; 2nd Seating: 2pm – 4pm. Tel. (800) 486-9502.

COALITION FOR MUTUAL RESPECT: WED April 5, 2017 @ 6pm



Reminder: the Interfaith Seder will be held on April 5th at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. Flyers are posted for additional information; you may also see

The Coalition for Mutual Respect

representatives Carol McLean-Long or Andrea Harewood with any questions.

2017 MET LAY SERVANT SCHOOL:

Reminder: the Metropolitan District will offer two-week (Saturday) basic and advanced courses for Lay Servants on April 6th and April 22nd. Registration forms are posted around the building, and are available upon request. **Registration is closed for the basic course; registration ends for the advanced course on April 6, 2017.** Please see brother Alvin Long for info.

NRUMC 6th ANNUAL SENIOR USHER SERMON:

Please come out and show your support for our dedicated ushers during their afternoon service on **Sunday, April 16th at 3:30pm**. Refreshments will be provided after service.

WEEKDAY NURSERY SPRING GALA: Thursday, April 27, 2017 @ 7:30pm



Weekday Nursery will host their annual Spring Gala and Silent Auction Fundraiser Event at Mulinos at Lake Isle (660 White Plains Road | Eastchester, NY 10709).

Tables, tickets or donations are available via the school office; see posted flyers or call (914) 632-6758.

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.

Rev. Marcia White-Smith is conducting bible study and prayer on **Thursdays at 7pm** for a limited time; all are invited to participate.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:

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.

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**

FUNDRAISER: Yankee Candles – Order through April 7th!



Please support the Youth Explosion Group achieve their ongoing ministry goals. They are partnering with Yankee Candle Fundraising through **April 7, 2017** to offer a wide range of premium candles and décor to you, while raising money for the youth group. For catalog details, to place orders or for more information contact the church office or please see Sis. Carla Moseley, Director. You may **also order online** at yankeecandlefundraising.com. (**Group #999967851**)

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.

JOIN US IN ALBANY ON MAY 2nd TO END TORTURE IN NY!



The Board of Church and Society is partnering with the NY Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (CAIC) and National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) to pass the HALT Solitary Confinement Act in NY.

We will spend the day in Albany on **Tuesday, May 2nd**, for a rally and visits to legislators in support of the Humane Alternatives to Long-Term (HALT) Solitary Confinement Act. We need to show massive momentum so that this bill passes this year! Since this legislation is considered a model for the entire country, even people from outside the state are welcome to help with this effort! All are welcome!

The Board of Church and Society is sponsoring a bus from **White Plains, NY** (Memorial UMC) which will make one other pickup at NYS Thruway Exit 18 "park and ride" in **New Paltz, NY**. Bus leaves White Plains at 6:45 AM sharp, pickup in New Paltz at 8:15 AM. Return bus will leave Albany at 4:00 PM. The cost is \$30/person, but please request a subsidy if you need one. (or maybe you can make a donation to support someone else?)

Register now to reserve your place on the bus!! Space is limited!

www.nyac.com/cbcs to register and for more information

If you live in New York City, you are welcome to sign up for the busses sponsored by CAIC by emailing: caic-advocacyday@gmail.com with your name, address and phone number.

More than 15 days spent in Solitary Confinement has been defined as torture by the UN. Research shows that solitary confinement inflicts devastating trauma and hurts the progress of those re-entering society after incarceration, leading to higher recidivism rates. Studies have shown that staff assaults, inmate assaults, use-of force incidents and suicide attempts have all decreased when Solitary is reduced.

SAVE THE DATE

*The Rev. Henri M. Deas Scholarship Fund
Sunday Brunch*

"Uniting our Youth, Church and Community"

Sunday, May 14, 2017

1 pm - 4 pm



Happy Mother's Day

Location:

New Rochelle United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

1200 North Avenue New Rochelle, NY 10804

Information contact: Andrea Harewood and Kevin Smith- Co chairs at (914) 632-2166

Email: nrumc1200@verizon.net

Featuring the talent of our own NRUMC Youth

And outstanding community performances

Tickets \$25

Sponsors: Angels \$50 / Heavenly Hosts \$100 or more

(All proceeds go towards our youths college scholarships)

Reverend Michelle E. Lewis, Lead Pastor

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS for April 9th (Passion/Palm Sunday, Year A)

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Matthew 21:1-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27 or Matthew 27:11-54

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

ZSS- Zion Still Sings

**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: umcnnewrochelle@gmail.com.