



Passion/Palm Sunday
April 9, 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 *"Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us"* UMH 381

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/GREETINGS

SONG *"Welcome"* W&S 3152

(See p.5)

SONG *"Come and Go With Me"* ZSS 122

(See p.7)

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 23

ONE: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

**ALL: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and
give thanks to the LORD.**

ONE: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

ALL: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

ONE: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

ALL: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

ONE: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it

**ALL: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us
success!**

ONE: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the
house of the LORD.

ALL: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

ONE: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

ALL: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER

O LORD God Almighty,
Father of angels and men,
We praise and bless your
holy name for all your goodness
and loving kindness to humanity.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and for your unceasing generosity to us
throughout our lives;
But above all, we bless you for your great love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ.
We bless you for bringing us safe
to the beginning of a new day.
Grant that this day we fall into no sin,
Neither run into any kind of danger.
Keep us, we pray,
from all things hurtful to body or soul,
and grant us your pardon and peace,
So that, being cleansed from all our sins,
We might serve you
with quiet hearts and minds,
and continue in the same until our life's end,
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Redeemer.
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

"I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

TFWS 2151

(See 9)

FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHOIR SELECTION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11 [NRSV p.197]

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-11 [NRSV p.2]

SERMON

Rev. Michelle E. Lewis

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: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Blessed God, you provide grace, mercy, and love to the Universe! In steadfast love, you sent your Son Jesus to be the Prince of Peace. We are grateful for the majestic light that you shine through Christ's love and faithfulness, a light that could not be extinguished by his innocent death. Send your Spirit to strengthen this church to become bold witnesses who help our neighbors draw closer to you and your light. We dedicate our offerings and gifts in the name of you're the one who is our sustainer and redeemer. We pray all these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen. *(adapted, umcdiscipleship.org)*

CLOSING HYMN

"Shalom to You"

UMH 666

*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

God has spoken.

Let the church say 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



Come and Go with Me

*"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." (Micah 4:2)*



1. Come and go with me to my Fa-ther's house,
2. Come and go with me to my Fa-ther's house,
3. Come and go with me to my Fa-ther's house,



in my Fa-ther's house to my Fa-ther's house,
to my Fa-ther's house to my Fa-ther's house,
to my Fa-ther's house to my Fa-ther's house,



Come and go with me to my Fa-ther's house there is
Come and go with me to my Fa-ther's house there is
Come and go with me to my Fa-ther's house there is

joy,
peace,
love,

joy,
peace,
love,

joy,
peace,

love,

1-2

3

2151 I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1. I'm so glad,
2. Sa-tan had me bound,
3. When I was in trou-ble, } Je-sus lift-ed me,

I'm so glad,
Sa-tan had me bound,
when I was in trou-ble, } Je-sus lift-ed me,

I'm so glad,
Sa-tan had me bound,
when I was in trou-ble, } Je-sus lift-ed me, sing-ing

glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Je-sus lift-ed me.

WORDS: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual

I'M SO GLAD
Irregular



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK:

Please note that **Holy Week** will be observed **April 10th - April 15th**. **Maundy Thursday Service** will be held in the Sanctuary on **April 13th** at **7:00pm**. The church office will be closed in observance of Good Friday on April 14th.

EASTER LILIES:

Request cards are available for anyone that would like to have Easter Lilies placed at the altar in honor or memory of someone special (cost is **\$15.00**). Please place request slips in the offering baskets or return them to the church office.

LENTEN GLEANERS:

Lenten gleaners are available in the narthex (just outside the Sanctuary). The monies collected during this season will be used to help the New York Annual Conference fulfill its ministry obligations to Metropolitan District and beyond.

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.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2017: May 7, 2017 - 3pm to 5pm

Please register to join Resident Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton and District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Denise Smartt Sears, hosted by Pastor Siobhan Sargent for the upcoming 2017

District Conference This event reflects a theme of "Celebrating Our Ministry Along the Journey" and will take place on **Sunday, May 7th** at **Memorial United Methodist Church** (250 Bryant Avenue | White Plains, NY 10605). You may register online by **April 28th** at <https://ny-reg.brapp.com/2017MetropolitanDistrictConference> or see forms on posted flyers to mail to the Metropolitan District before the

MOTHER'S DAY SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH: May 15, 2017 @ 1:00pm



The *Annual Henri M. Deas Mother's Day Scholarship Brunch* is an exciting and important event, featuring music and more. For additional event details and donation information, see posted flyers or Andrea Harewood, Co-Chair.

NRUMM 2017 MEN'S DAY & BOOK FAIR: Sunday May 21, 2017

Please mark your calendars for the annual Men's Service; the Book Fair will be held immediately after this service. Flyers are posted. See Ed. Gooding, President for info.

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)

PRAISE CONCERT: Friday, May 26, 2017

The Youth of New Rochelle United Methodist Church would like to invite any individual or group with a willingness to share their talent to participate in our Youth Explosion praise concert. If your group/youth ministry would like to join in creative praise, contact our Youth Leader (Carla Moseley: carlamoseley@gmail.com) by **Sunday, April 30, 2017**

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 caicadvocacyday@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.

We worked to Imagine No Malaria . . .

NOW, JUST IMAGINE

**Abundant
Health**

FOR CHILDREN



"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." - John 10:10

Abundant Health Expo

Join the Metropolitan District of the New York Conference

FREE activities for body, mind & spirit!

Sat., May 6 2-4:30pm

New Rochelle UMC

1200 North Ave. New Rochelle, NY

Union Brothers Singers of Haiti
"Move 2 Empower" Fitness
Seeds of Health & Hope Ministry
Healthy Snack Creations with Chef John
Nutrition Workshop
Children's Games & Activities
Yoga Session
Ground-breaking for Community Garden
Prayer & Meditation Room
Health Screening
And MORE !!!!

Contact Co-ordinator Wendy Vencuss with questions.
AbundantHealth@nyac-umc.com

Abundant Health - Our Promise to Children is The United Methodist Church's newest global health initiative and will highlight what is possible in the world of public health through the power and influence of a global, faith-driven multimillion-member, connectionally minded constituency such as The UMC. Go to: umcabundanthealth.org



How is your church encouraging:

Physical Activity

**Healthy Diet
and Nutrition**

**Tobacco- and
Drug-Free Living**

**Mental Health
Education and
Promotion**



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 16th (Easter Sunday, Year A)

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Romans 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

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, Wed. 6:30pm & 7:45pm
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	To Be Announced
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 umcnewrochelle@gmail.com.