

Welcome All, and especially Visitors... We are glad you found your way to worship here today! We hope you experience warm hospitality and God's love for you. We are a community of faith that gathers to experience the good news of Jesus Christ. We then go to live it out in many ways. We encourage you to return many times and to bring others with you. Nursery care is available as needed. Holy Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month and is open to all people.

Opportunities are available to match your skills to our church and community needs. You are invited to join our voice and handbell choirs, our fellowship or property teams.

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****If you would like to provide altar flowers in dedication to a loved one, or an occasion, contact the church office so that it can be noted in the bulletin. ****

Prayers for our church, our world, and all in need...

Prayers: for **Doug's mother Elaine** who has been placed in hospice in a nursing home; for **John and Phyllis' son Tim** who is back in the hospital for follow-up care; for **Ethel's brother Harv** who continues in care; **Nancy M; Mark and Debbie; Tish and Lee; Linda and Tori; Tonnie; 3-year-old Liam; Mary Jane; Art; Karen; Alice;** for the larger United Methodist Church, a church that cares deeply and is called to love without question; for everyone in the **state of Mississippi** affected by floods; for everyone involved in the Hong Kong protests; the **people of China** as they deal with coronavirus; **the people of Chile** as protests increase; the families of the **victims of the helicopter crash in California;** the **victims of avalanches in Turkey;** all those **affected by gun violence;** all those who have been forced to leave their homelands in search of the abundance we take for granted; wisdom for our elected officials; for churches in need of reformation and transformation; the children and teachers in our Head Start Program.

Joys: **Shirley** plans to be back with us this morning! **Judy's husband Joe's** tests show no cancer! **Sherry E** is done with treatments! **Leanne and Doug's niece Mackenzie** gave birth a little early but the baby is doing well! **Donna E's** new neural pacemaker is working great! **Christi's friend Tracy's** cancer is responding to treatment! **Pastor Gary** is back on skis! **Gale and Marilyn's son-in-law Mike** is out of the hospital and doing fairly well though still on the transplant list. **Officer Matson** is making slow but steady progress. Thank God for good outcomes!

Perhaps you have asked us to uphold a loved one in our prayers. If so please give us an update as their conditions change, as a joy or a concern.

Presence: Last week's Attendance at Worship = **33**

Gifts: Last week's offering = **\$1,930**

Service: Thanks to **Sherry E** for seeing to the coffee every Sunday! And thanks to **Butch H** and **John B** who have installed ceiling trim in the classrooms! Thanks to **Bob B** for arranging needed repairs to the sanctuary's central skylight (happening in a few weeks)!

**Newport United Methodist Church
1596 Eleventh Avenue
Newport, Minnesota 55055-1649**

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Rev. Steven W. Pannkuk, Pastor

Gathering

We come together in the name of the Lord. *Please record your attendance by signing the registration pad - members, friends and visitors alike.*

*When preceded by * , please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Judy Lieffring, Organist

Church Bell Toll

Symbol of the Spirit's presence

***Introit** *Black Hymnal* No. 2271

(refrain) **Come, Come, Everybody Worship with a prayer or song of praise;**

Come, come, everybody worship; worship God always!

(verse) **Worship and remember to keep the Sabbath day;**

Take a rest and think of God, put your work away.

Natalie Sleeth

(refrain)

***Greeting Time**

***Hymn** *Red Hymnal* No. 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***Announcements**

***Call to Worship** **Psalm 67: The Nations Called to Praise God**

To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

² **that your way may be known upon earth,**

your saving power among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

**4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah***

**5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

**6 The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

**7 May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Prayer of Confession Based on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Dear God, how easy it is for me to distinguish myself from "them."

For the times I believe I am better than others — forgive me.

For the times I put my ways on a pedestal to the neglect of others — forgive me.

For the times I avert my gaze so I won't have to look at their condition — forgive me.

For the times I wished they would all go away and live somewhere else — forgive me.

For the times I feel no discomfort in judging others before I even know them — forgive me.

For the ease with which I label people "them" and "other" — forgive me.

(Silent reflection)

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news. Through Jesus Christ we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins. God hears. God cares. God forgives. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Amen.

Anthem "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Charles Converse, arr. Cota
[c]1996 Agape Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

Gospel Lesson **Matthew 5&6** (NT pp. 4-6)

Message **Pastor Steve**

Hymn *Red Hymnal* No. 454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Offertory Music "O Worship the King" J.M. Haydn, arr. Cota
[c]2001 Agape Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Invocation**

**Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us
grace.**

Prayers of the People

After each petition: "Lord, in your mercy"... the people 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.**

***Hymn** *Red Hymnal* No. 399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

***Circle of Benediction** "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"

Red Hymnal No. 557, verse 1

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

Extinguishing of the Candles *Taking the Light into the World*

Church Bell Toll

Postlude

Judy Lieffring, Organist

Last week's ushers were Sherry and Leanne. Sherry was also acolyte. Thank you!

Ecumenical Lenten Study-Tuesdays from Feb. 25 - Apr. 21,
12:00 noon to 1:30 pm, here at Newport UMC ...all are welcome!

After a light soup lunch, we will be studying from
Divine Friendship: Reflections for Lent

Ash Wednesday Service- Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 7:00 pm.
Pizza before worship, at 6:15!

Your help would be appreciated- talk to Tracy, Leanne, Pastor if interested.

Looking ahead...

Sunday, February 23	<i>Seventh Sunday after Epiphany</i> – we worship at 9:30 am.
Monday, February 24	Shawl We Knit, 6-8 pm at Cottage Grove Library
Wednesday, February 26	NO Handbell Choir practice this week. Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary. NO Voice Choir practice this week.
Saturday, February 29	United Church of God worships at 1:30 pm.
Sunday, March 1	<i>First Sunday in Lent</i> – we worship at 9:30 am.

