

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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We encourage you to 'like' us on Facebook...

****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 **Cousins Judy and Barb**; for **Ethel's brother Harv** who continues in care; **Nancy M; Mark and Debbie; Tish and Lee; 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, Italy, and Iran** as they deal with coronavirus; **the people of Chile** as protests increase; the families of the **victims of the mass shooting in Milwaukee**; 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: **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 = **42** Ash Wednesday: 5:30=**11**, 7:00=**15**

Gifts: Last week's offering = **\$1,195**

Service: Thanks to **Sherry E** for seeing to the coffee every Sunday! And thanks to **Bob B** for arranging needed repairs to the sanctuary's central skylight (happening March 19)!

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

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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. 368 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

`Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Get ready; get ready to return to God. Place your trust in God and God alone!
Let us all return to the Lord!

People: It is not always easy to return to God; we have had our way for so long.

Leader: Blow the trumpet. Sound the alarm. Call the young and the old; tell everyone that the Lord is coming.

People: It is not easy to talk about the Lord to people who have heard our preaching so many times.

Leader: Call for a fast.

People: Fasting is not easy; we hunger for so many things.

Leader: Nobody said it would be easy. But we must return to the Lord. The Coming of the Lord is near!

People: We commit to turn from our old ways. (next page)

Leader: Nobody said it would be easy.

People: We will turn our lives over to the One who makes a way.

Leader: Nobody said it would be easy.

People: Nobody said it would be easy.

All: Nobody said it would be easy, but we must return to the LORD.

O gracious and merciful God, we are wounded, wayward and often wearied. We acknowledge we have turned away from you, in our thoughts and words and deeds. Reveal yourself to us again this day; forgive us our sins and help us turn our hearts to you. We praise you for another opportunity to return to you with warmed hearts, a willing fast, weeping eyes, and mournful souls. Accept our worship and help us to seek your wisdom during these forty days.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Blessed are the young and old who return to God. Blessed are the ones who believe that all blessings come from the Lord. God is gracious and merciful and hears those who turn their hearts to God. God forgives all our sins and calls us anew, in Jesus name. **Amen.**

Anthem

Newport UMC Choir

First Reading

Isaiah 58. 1-9a (OT p. 688)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7 (NT pp. 6-7)

Message

Pastor Steve

***Hymn** *Red Hymnal* No. 405 "Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God"

Offering

Offertory

****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.

Holy Communion THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EARLY LENT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The words of institution continue...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The words of institution continue...

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

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***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

Looking ahead...

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| Sunday, March 1 | <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> – we worship at 9:30 am.
Then: please stay for Goal-setting Session with Amanda from the Conference, and Potluck Lunch! |
| Tuesday, March 3 | Soup lunch and Lenten Study at Noon in the Fireside Room. |
| Wednesday, March 4 | Handbell Choir at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall;
Voice Choir at 6:30 pm in Sanctuary. |
| Saturday, March 7 | United Church of God worships at 1:30 pm. |
| Sunday, March 8 | <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> – we worship at 9:30 am. |
| Monday, March 9 | Shawl We Knit, 6-8 pm at Cottage Grove Library |
| Tuesday, March 10 | Leadership Team Meeting, 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. |