

Newtonville United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

We are so glad that you joined us for worship today! Whether you call NUMC your church home, or you are a guest with us today, we want you to know that no matter who you are, where you've come from, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Please take the time to fill out the contact card located in the pew, and place it in the offering basket when it comes your way. Our ushers and greeters are here to help you feel at home—so please don't hesitate to ask if you should need anything at all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge immediately following worship. Welcome!

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Song Joy Bufano, Flute

*We Share Christ's Peace

(by waving, smiling, sharing the peace sign, or bowing toward our friends)

We Are Called to Worship Sandy Rivenburg

We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos...

Our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice...

We bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love...

Young and old, tone deaf, and perfect pitched lift the new, new songs of faith.

We Join in Song: Hymn #395 "Take Time to Be Holy"

Opening Prayer

You raise your hand and gently begin the concerto of creation: birds carry the melody while stars keep the beat; mountains dance in merriment and

little children clap their hands with joy. Love's Composer, our new songs are lifted to you.

The old, old song is made new in our hearts. Christ is Risen! Sing Alleluia! You invite us to sing to a world deafened by despair and haunted by the tunes of fear. Lord of the Dance, our new songs are lifted to you.

Believing we cannot carry a tune we hesitate to join in the chorus of praise sing by all creation. So, you softly and gently hum the melody in our hearts until they burst with you, raising a rousing chorus of Amazing Grace. Music-making Spirit, our new songs are lifted to you.

Every song, old and new, is offered to you. God in Community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray. Amen!

Children's Time Wendy Spendiff

We Pray Together

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer/Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

We Offer Our Gifts

*Doxology #2036 "Give Thanks" / Offertory Prayer

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks!

We Hear the First Reading... Acts 10: 44-48

We Join in Song: Hymn #529 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

We Hear the Gospel Reading... John 15: 9-7

The Message: Pastor Nick

We Remember What We Believe and We Affirm Our Faith/The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Share in Holy Communion

We Pray Together 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 and ever. Amen.

We Join in Song: Hymn #620 "One Bread, One Body"

Our Statement of Commitment to Racial Justice

The United Methodist Church proclaims the value of each person as a unique child of God and commits itself to the healing and wholeness of all persons; recognizing that the sin of racism has been destructive to its unity throughout its history, and racism continues to cause painful division and marginalization.

We, the community of faith at Newtonville United Methodist Church, shall confront and seek to eliminate racism, whether in organizations or in individuals, in every facet of its life and in society at large; working collaboratively with others to address concerns that threaten the cause of racial justice at all times and in all places.

Sending Song: "Draw the Circle Wide"

Blessing



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