

May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter

PREPARING

Gathering – “We think we know what will happen and how things will turn out. But then God’s Spirit surprises us. Trust the Spirit at work in you now.”
*You are invited to stand as you are able and willing.

Prelude **Seasonal Music**

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Sing praises to God, you people of faith.

P: **We give thanks to God, who heals and restores.**

L: Praise God who transforms us, who heals and loves us.

P: **Praise God, who clothes us with joy.**

L: Do not be silent. Praise the Lord!

P: **WE give thanks our God, today and always.**

*Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140

Opening Prayer (In unison)

Wisdom of God, come and dwell among us. We gather to hear your word, and to sing your praise. We come as we are, trusting your grace will perfect us. Interrupt our lives with your vision of truth and love. We praise you now and always. Amen.

Prayers of the Christ’s Church for Others and Ourselves

(Sharing Our Joys and Concerns)

Pastoral Prayer

Children’s Time “Jesus Loves Me” UMH#191

CHRIST’S WAY & OUR RESPONSE

Anthem **“Let Us Break Bread Together”** **by Jay Althouse**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 30

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Acts 9:1-6

Hymn: “Broken for Me” TFWS # 2263

Message: “Man Plans & God Laughs” Pastor Fern Blair Hart

+Exchange of Signs of the Peace of the Risen Christ

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts to the Glory of God

Offertory “In The Garden” Words and Music by C. Austin Miles

+Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (In unison)

If God could turn a rabid persecutor into a powerful apostle, think what God might do with you. You too are God’s chosen instrument.

Help us God to become your instruments now and forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Please find the service in the United Methodist Hymnal p.12-15)

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

+Recessional Hymn: “Amazing Grace” UMH #378

Benediction

Postlude “Theme From The Piano Concerto in E-Flat Major”
by Ludwig Van Beethoven, Arranged for Organ by Joe Swindon

Lections for May 8, 2022: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Welcome! We are glad you are here today.

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Paul Rawson by his family

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Bennett Hall following worship.

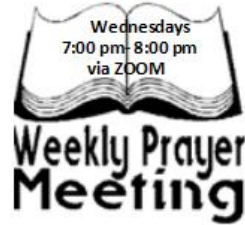
Semi-Annual Document Shredding Event

Saturday May 14th 8:30am to 12:30pm

Rain or Shine \$15 per box, \$10 per box for seniors.



Recycle That Bicycle! - Have a bicycle you aren't using anymore? Golden Hill UMC is looking for donations of bikes for their annual Used Bike Giveaway on June 4th for families in need. Bikes should be in decent shape (a few minor repairs is ok). Deadline to donate is May 21st. Please contact Phyllis Grafton at 203-386-8973 with any questions and to arrange pickup.



The Color of Compromise

The Council of Churches Raising the B.A.R. (Becoming Anti-Racist) invites you into sacred conversations in a safe space to talk about the history of race and the American Church. Thursdays for the next 10 weeks, each session covers a distinct topic, so you're welcome to attend as many as you wish. The series moves chronologically from America's colonial past to today's Black Lives Matter movement. The Color of Compromise is not about shaming or blaming but rather opens our eyes to a history hidden, unknown, or ignored by White Christians and calls us to take seriously what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality. Information & to register: ccgb.org/rbt

Online Giving



We are excited to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings, memorial donations, altar flowers, or donations to our Outreach Committee projects. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides donation consistency for our congregation.

To get started, visit the website at jesselee.org, look for the online giving icon, and set up your recurring giving schedule. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete giving history. It is fine if you do not wish to set up an account. You may click on one of the tiles, fill out the form and add to Basket. You will be offered the opportunity to help cover the credit card or ACH processing fee.

Your donations will be recorded by us just as if you send a check to the church or give in person during our Sunday service. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

This is a step forward, we hope, as we adjust to the new post-pandemic world of in-person and zoom services. We are partnered with VANCO and our New York Annual Conference, which has provided our churches this opportunity. Thank you, Andree Halcott Financial Secretary

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