ORDER OF WORSHIP – 9:15 AM Welcome to Our Worship Service! March 15, 2020

*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit

*Please remember to silence your cell phones.

Hymnals are: UMH (Blue Hardcover) and TFWS (Black Softcover)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS TO PONDER

Come and see . . . water gushing from a rock.

Come and see . . . someone who knows you through and through.

Come and see . . . hope alive, right here, right now. Come and see . . . then give God thanks and praise.

We come to worship the God of life and love.

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise

to the rock of our salvation.

People: We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving for

being here together in the presence of our beloved

God.

Leader: Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to

God

People: We will listen for God's word and live in the hope it

inspires.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "A Charge to Keep I Have"

UMH #413

(vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

In order to curtail the spread of viruses, please greet each other with a fist / elbow bump or friendly wave.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning

confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you. We challenge instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us. Restore our souls. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our hope and assurance rest in God's unfailing love and forgiveness. Open your hearts and minds and souls that the healing waters of God's never-ending love and forgiveness may flow into and over you. Know that in this love and forgiveness you have encountered the living God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Take My Yoke Upon You"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children and youth may leave to attend Sunday School)

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH

#393

*GOSPEL READING John 4:5-12

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

#895

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

#95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful"

UMH #89 (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION.

All reminders/announcements should be submitted to the church office by Wednesday at 5 pm for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin. Additional updates can be given to the Worship Leader before Sunday morning for announcements time.

Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Pledges can also be paid through your on-line banking service. In addition, a brochure with information on electronic giving is available in the narthex.

Infant and Toddler Care are available during our worship service in our nursery, attended by Marsha Cohen.

Pastor Ed Dayton, Worship Leader RoseAnne Homola, Organist/Pianist Denise Wiley, Secretary Rose Aiello, Lay Leader Rose Aiello, Church Council Chairperson

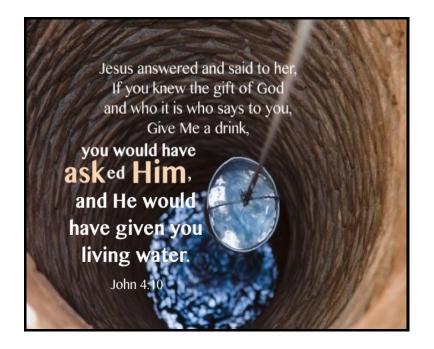
> Our Service Leaders for today: Liturgist: Rose Aiello

Church Office Hours are Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.-12:30:p.m. or by appointment. For any other time, please call the office and leave a message. Please check the updated calendar on the website for changes to the schedule. For a visit or pastoral care emergency, please call or email Pastor Ed Dayton at 203-733-9112 or pastor.ed.dayton@gmail.com

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