

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”*



May 21, 2023

## WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

## LIGHTING THE CANDLES

**PRELUDE** *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. by Venita MacGorman The Village Ringers

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

**People: In all your ways acknowledge God. And God shall direct your paths.**

**All: God’s people have gathered. Let us worship God together.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## GLORIA PATRI\*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

One: Into the peace of God we commend our loved ones who have departed this life. Grateful for their lives and confident of their eternal rest in God, let us pause in silence to remember the fullness of their devotion.

Reading of the names (see list below)

One: In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

**All: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.**

One: In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

**All: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.**

One: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

**All: In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.**

One: When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

**All: When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.**

One: When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

**All: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.**

One: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

**All: looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Amen.**

**HYMN\*** *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud* #12

## INVOCATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Lord God, we come now in answer to your call. We come from many families yet we are gathered here as one people – your people. Draw us into your presence. Accept the praise of our hearts for we are filled with awe at all you have done in Jesus.

Claim this time and place as your own. Speak your word of gladness and joy. Touch us with your word of truth. We ask this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray, saying:

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Choral Response

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 14:27, 16:33

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

Call to Offering

Offertory *Fanfare of Triumph* Michael Joy The Village Ringers

Song of Presentation\*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offering Prayer\*

Lord, we need you. Our world needs your church. May our gifts support your acts of love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**HYMN\*** *Holy Wisdom* #258

Church School children will process to the Parish House during the second verse

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 4:35-41

Choral Response

**SERMON** *Questions Jesus asked: Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?* Rev. Buchan

Choral Response

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN\*** *Now Thank We All Our God* #715

**BENEDICTION\*** - spoken and sung

**POSTLUDE**

**SPRING MEETING**

\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit





## **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

### **In Loving Memory of:**

Tom Ahern  
Dick & Ginny Armstrong  
Russ & Helen Ayer  
Angela Blank  
Charlotte Bostwick  
Vi (Elvira) & Clarence Burden  
Anna Chapin  
Clifford Chapin  
Glenn S. Curtiss  
Rutledge W. Curtiss  
Ray & Mimi Detwiler  
Larry Edwards  
Margie & John Farrelly  
Josephine Fowler  
Richard Fowler  
Stephen Fowler  
Barbara Holstein  
Art & Vivian Honey  
Happy Kaur  
Ethel Kranepool  
Emma McKittrick  
Ernest E. & Gladys T. Miller  
Judy Packard  
Forest Putman  
William Romaniello  
Betty Bracken Sculley  
Lillian E. Strain  
John E. Strain  
John H. Strain  
Rev. Dr. Donald Westerberg  
Evelyn Taylor York  
Gerald York  
Other friends and members of our Church from the 70s, 80s,  
and 90s that have passed

### **Given by:**

Ross & Sharon Detwiler  
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Barbara McGiver  
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Doris Curtiss  
Susan Chapin  
Sally Spring Rinehart  
Doris Curtiss  
Doris Curtiss  
Ross & Sharon Detwiler  
Ross & Sharon Detwiler  
Barbara McGiver  
James & Judith York  
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Ross & Sharon Detwiler  
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Barbara McGiver  
Barbara McGiver  
Barbara McGiver  
Lyndall L. & Nancy J. Miller  
Ross & Sharon Detwiler  
Janet & John Wittmann  
Barbara McGiver  
John B. Sculley  
Barbara McGiver  
Barbara McGiver  
Barbara McGiver  
Bonnie Westerberg  
James & Judith York  
James & Judith York  
Ross & Sharon Detwiler

## **A. RUSSELL AYRE SCHOLARSHIP REMEMBRANCE**

### **In Loving Memory of:**

Linda Tucker  
Toky VanAsch VanWyck  
The Wells Family

### **In Honor of:**

Joan and Jeff Vill

### **Given by:**

Tom Tucker  
Maurits & Martin VanAsch VanWyck  
Fred & Marion Warman

### **Given by:**

Steve & Kathy Byko

## Calendar and Announcements

### Every Sunday

9am - Coffee House Crew  
 10am - Worship  
 10:30am - Church School  
 11am - Coffee hour

### Every Week

1pm - Monday – Women's Bible Study  
 7pm - Tuesday – Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 7pm - Thursday – Choir Rehearsal

### May 21

Remembrance Sunday  
 11am – Spring Meeting

5:30pm – Youth Group

### June 5

7:30pm – Investment Team Meeting

### June 6

7pm – Women's Ministry Book Club

### June 7

6pm – Bible & Brews

### June 11

10am – Children's & Baccalaureate Sunday  
 11am – All Church Picnic

### June 18

10am – Choir Sunday

**Welcome &** thank you for joining us in-person or via live stream today. We invite you to sign up for our e-mail newsletter today, email [news@nmchurch.org](mailto:news@nmchurch.org). **Coffee Hour:** Please join us for coffee/tea and light refreshments for a time of fellowship after worship. Please note that Coffee hour will be held in Fellowship Hall until further notice. The double metal doors will be propped open downstairs for those who have a hard time with the stairs and would like to come in from outside.

**Graduates:** The office would like to have the name of anyone in your family who will be graduating with high school, college, or advanced degrees. Please send their names, schools, and degrees to Nicole by May 31.

**Flowers:** The flowers in church last Sunday were in memory of Donna MacKenzie's beloved son, Matthew Paul.

**Women's Bible study and fellowship:** Join us on Monday afternoons at 1pm in the Taylor room as we look at the stories of women in the bible. All are welcome, if you have any questions, please contact Leslie at [news@nmchurch.org](mailto:news@nmchurch.org)

**Sunday bulletin information and announcements** are due **Tuesday by noon** each week. Please email [communicationsgroup@nmchurch.org](mailto:communicationsgroup@nmchurch.org) Thank you!

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Trustee on Duty	Cary Westfall	
Ushers	Coffee House Crew	