

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Welcome & thank you** for joining us in-person or live stream today.

**Assisted listening devices** are available near the doors in the back for those who need help hearing the service. Please turn them off and put them back in the box after use.

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour following service today.

**Newsletter:** We invite you to sign up for our email newsletter. Please email [news@nmchurch.org](mailto:news@nmchurch.org).

A **special thank you** to all participants and volunteers that made last Sunday’s **Walk-A-Mile** a success!

**Lunch & Learn** - Join us **Wednesday, October 2nd at 12:30 PM** in the Taylor Room. This month we will host Bill Buckbee from Harrybrook Park/Harden House Museum. This is a potluck luncheon, please RSVP to Leslie at [news@nmchurch.org](mailto:news@nmchurch.org) with what you will bring.



**September 29, 2024**

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#### **Today’s Service**

Deacon on Duty	Hannah Albright
Trustee on Duty	Bill Jackson
Ushers	Gail Peck, John & Jan Wittmann
Scripture Reader	Gail Peck
Acolytes	Freya Jones & Ryan Simmons

**WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**PRELUDE**

*I Love to Tell the Story/arr. Joel Raney*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the place and this is the time. Here and now God waits to break into our experience.

**All: Let us praise God. 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.*

## HYMN\*

*Morning Has Broken #53*

## INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

**Living God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Open our eyes to your work unfolding among us. Open our ears to hear your voice calling us. Open our arms to those in need around us. Make our hearts glad with the joy of serving you by reaching out to help others. 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 1:1-5

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

*My Lighthouse/arr. David Angerman*

## 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, from our different ways, we have come here to worship you. Accept us and our gifts as an offering to you. Amen.**

## HYMN\*

*My Shepherd, You Supply My Need #80*

*Church School children will process to the Parish House during the last verse.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-29    2 Corinthians 5:19

Choral Response

## UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

*(see insert)*

## SERMON

*Christianity 101:*

*"In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth... you have come to us."*

Choral Response

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## HYMN\*

*Come, Thou Almighty King #27*

## BENEDICTION\* - spoken and sung

## POSTLUDE

*Let All Things Now Living/arr. Lloyd Larson*