

JOYS & CONCERNS

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNERS

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH #395

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of peace and justice, you have taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Today we raise Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, and all parts of the world where people are suffering from war. Provide protection and comfort to the innocent who have been impacted. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. Stop the wars o, God. Amen.

*HYMN

Precious Name

UMH #536

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: With God as our guide, we go into the world. With Christ as our companion,

All: we go strengthened for the journey,

One: and led with love.

FAREWELL

Go Now in Peace (2x)

UMH #665

POSTLUDE

Lily of the Valley
by Eric Lewis

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS



Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.

**Community United Methodist Church
100 Park Boulevard
Massapequa, N.Y. 11758**

March 9, 2025

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10 a.m.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2025

PRELUDE

All the Way My Savior Leads Me
by Adam Mason / arr. Robert Lowry

INTROIT

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes
by Rae E. Whitney & Ronald Nelson

CUMC Adult Choir

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*HYMN

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

TFWS #2031

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome home, beloved children of God!

All: Gathered in God's arms, we come to worship.

One: Sheltered in God's love, we come to grow in love.

All: Abiding in God, we seek solace and comfort.

One: Even as God sends us on wilderness journeys,

All: we trust that God is with us, guiding and protecting our days.

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, your ways lead to life; your light shines in our darkness. The promises you made to our ancestors continue to this day. We too share the bounty of your blessings, and the grace of eternal life in your name. May we be worthy of our calling and help others find their way. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF YEARNING

God of our weary years, lift us up and guide us forward, when we are tired beyond words. Pour your grace into our souls, when we give in to temptation and stray where we were never meant to go. Shepherding God, guide us back to you and show us the path home. In hope and gratitude, we pray.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

All who call on God's name are saved. We can rest assured in this promise.

Amen and amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Luke 4:1-13

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Jesus in the Wilderness"

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As the ancient Hebrews were called to offer the first fruit of the harvest, so we are called to offer our gifts of gratitude to God. May God move in our hearts and minds, as we give generously, gratefully, and joyfully.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Song of Thorn
by Joseph Martin

CUMC Adult Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of abundance, we offer these gifts, along with our praise and thanksgiving. You generously pour out your love and the gifts of this good earth to us, each and every day. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may bring abundant love and sustenance to many in need of your blessing. With grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.