

If he calls you,
you shall say,
'Speak, LORD,
for your servant
is listening.'

1 Samuel 3:9



Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service
January 14, 2024

Words of Welcome

Life of the Church

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Leader: Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

People: The One who fashioned us in our mother's womb calls us this day.

Leader: Lead us, O God, and we will follow.

People: The One acquainted with all our ways leads us into life.

Leader: Bless us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, and guide us home.

People: The One who hems us in, from behind and before, is a lamp to our feet.

Leader: Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Opening Prayer

*Song of Praise: *"Holy Spirit Rain Down"*

Chorus

Holy Spirit rain down rain down
O Comforter and Friend
How we need Your touch again
Holy Spirit rain down rain down
Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts as we stand on
Your Word
Holy Spirit rain down

Verse

No eye has seen no ear has heard
No mind can know what God has in store
So open up heaven open it wide
Over Your church and over our lives

Ending

Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts as we stand on
Your Word
Holy Spirit rain down

*Song of Praise (please stand): *"Sanctuary"*

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Scripture Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Sermon for the Young and Young at Heart

Hymn of Preparation (please stand): *“Take My Life & Let it Be”* (UMH 399)

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Sermon

Worship God with Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem: *“Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love”* Epiphany Song, 1976

Doxology (UMH 94)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluiah, Alleluiah
Praise God the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluiah, Alleluiah, Alleluiah

Receiving Holy Communion

Call to Confession:

Confession:

God of grace and provision, from the beginning of life to its ending, we rest in your loving embrace, though we do not always recognize your presence. Our eyes are blind, and our calendars are too full to notice your presence. We narrowly define how you work in our lives and often miss your surprises.

Some of us are threatened by other religions, other interpretations of Scripture, other words for God, other kinds of music, and we cling to the way it used to be. Others of us fling ourselves at anything new and lose the gifts of past tradition.

Remind us, loving God, that you are more than our past experiences and future hopes. You are always working for good and often in surprising, unexpected ways. Keep our eyes open to see. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Always and everywhere to give thanks to you....

.....And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....

.....And so, In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving As a holy and living sacrifice, In union with Christ's offering for us, As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, And on these gifts of bread and wine....

....All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,

Now and forever.

Amen.

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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery

In which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

In the strength of your Spirit,

To give ourselves for others,

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

All: Amen.

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

***Closing Hymn** (please stand): *“I am Thine, O Lord”* (UMH 419)

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.
(Refrain)

3. O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!
(Refrain)

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.
(Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*



LEADING WORSHIP – Our Pastor, Kregg Gabor

HELPING IN WORSHIP

Acolyte	Dexter Moreno
Liturgist	Debi McGarvey
Head Usher	Will Cass
Ushers	Cheryl Cass, Debbie Kudzia, Nancy Myers, Joseph Norman

Welcome to Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us today!

We want to be your family of faith. We hope that you feel at home in our church family, and we encourage those interested in membership to speak with one of the ushers or contact us at 845-452-2933 or by email at office@pokumc.org.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Our members: Steve Allen, Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Janet Cole, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Veronica Gordan, Emily Griess, Betsy Grover, Tom Halloran, Doris Hammell, Jodi Hammell, Sandra Hansen, Gwen Higgins, Pat Hughes, Fred Jackson, Dick James, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Betty Longobardi, Julia Miller, Kathleen Nicodemus, Michelle Olavarria, Ray Polivka, Karla Quinlan, Arnette Schmidt, Diana Silverman, Michelle Simonis, Jeff Tryon, Catherine White, Sarah-Grace White, Marilyn Zier.

Friends of our church in your prayers: Georgia Kustas-Beurket, Cris and John Burke, Jordan Fidler, Bryan Foy, Debra Greiner, Edgar Martinez, Adonis Marzan, Hilary McAllister, Joe Pollen, Jean Slater, Wayne Surico, Robert Thompson-Gee, Ronald Tomaso, Jackie Triguero, Raymond White, Clifford Zier. Also all those impacted by the Coronavirus. The people in Ukraine.

Members of the military, active and/or retired, in your prayers: Michael Clear, Staff Sergeant in the Army, stationed in Syria; Joshua Lord, 1-69 Infantry Medical Platoon Sergeant, NYC; Randal Middleton, Naples, Italy Naval Base, Major Jason Oliver, Texas.

Announcements

There will be a finance meeting this Wednesday, January 17 @ 7pm at the church.

To Those with Little Ones: Room 36 (upstairs in the education wing) is available as a toddler room with toys and a TV that is tuned into the worship service. There is also a changing table.

Giving Envelopes: Personalized giving envelopes are available in the Narthex. If you would like personalized giving envelopes please add your name to the list in the Narthex or contact the church office (845-452-2933 or office@pokumc.org)

Paper 2023 Giving Statements will be available on January 28. However, if you would like a PDF sent to you please contact the church office.

New Newsletter Editor: Starting in January, Karyn (in the office) will be editing the Journey each month. The next deadline (for the February Journey) is January 17. Please send any submissions to office@pokumc.org.

Altar Flower Sign Up Sheet: There are lots of openings!!!! There is a 2024 Altar Flower Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex, or you can contact the church office to order altar flowers.

16th ANNUAL COOKIE WALK: Saturday, February 10, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM - PUMC will again host the Cookie Walk to benefit the ministry work of local churches through Love INC. Love INC supports those less fortunate through its various ministries (personal care items, beds, pillows, linens, household goods and furniture) and its many classes. Please sign up to bake cookies in support of this event. Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. You may send an email to CookieWalk2024@gmail.com to sign up as a baker. Please let us know your Name, phone number and/or email, number of dozen cookies you intend to bake, and type of cookie(s) if you know it.

There are openings on the Board of Directors of the Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center. This is a wonderful community outreach mission that REALLY makes a difference. It is a “advisory board” (as opposed to a "participatory board"). The only commitment is attendance at the Board meetings, which are generally the 3rd Thursday, every-other month (for only 6-8 meetings a year). Please contact Barb Adams if you'd like to serve on the HTASC Board of Directors, or would like to know more about it: 845-505-1302, bcadams317@gmail.com.



Our February Fellowship Discovery Luncheon will be on Tuesday, February 13 @ 12PM. Please let us know (by Thursday, February 8) if you plan to attend by scanning the QR code or as always you can contact the office.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will take place on the evenings of July 8 – 10 (3 days) More information coming soon. Volunteers are needed! Contact Angela if you might be interested.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, January 16th - First Day of Pastor's Bible Study
Monday, February 12th - Friendship Circle
Tuesday, February 13th - Shrove Pancake Supper @ 5pm
Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday Services @ 12pm & 6pm
March Journey Deadline
Friday, February 23rd - Movies with Meaning @ 6pm
Sunday, March 24th - Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 31st - Easter

**On Tuesday, January 16 @ 10:30 - 11:30 (new time) Pastor Kregg will begin a new Bible study
Discovering the Bible: A simple introduction to the Bible, what it is, and how to use it.**

“This is intended to be a basic introduction that can be used effectively with those who have little or no background in the Bible, and a stimulating refresher for those who have loved the Bible for years but perhaps never had opportunity to look into where the Bible came from and how it came down to us.”

Place: The Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church lounge.

Tuesdays - 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, 02/06 Time: 10:30-11:30am Cost:\$0.00

When Discovering the Bible is over we will move right on to.....

BASIC: WHO IS GOD BASIC: WE ARE CHURCH

“Trends come and go in our culture and the church seems to follow. BASIC is a seven-part series of short films that challenges us to reclaim the church as Scripture describes it to be. This series speaks to those who have questions about the church and to those who may have lost interest in the church. ”

Days: Tuesdays - 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 03/05, 03/12, 03/19, 03/26

Same Place, Time & Cost

Opportunities for You This Week

SUNDAY, January 14, 2024

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer
8:45 Coffee w/ Jesus
10:00 Worship Service
Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship
2:00 pm Parkside AA
6:00 Youth Group

MONDAY, January 15, 2024

9:00 am Monday Study Group
10:00 Exercise
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, January 16, 2024

10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study
1:00 pm Arts & Crafts Group
5:30 PP Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 Current Events & WWJD
7:00 Social Justice

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 2024

Journey Deadline

7:30 am Morning Prayers
1:00 pm Sandy's Bible Study
1:30 Nancy's Bible Study
7:00 Finance

THURSDAY, January 18, 2024

5:00 pm PP Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 Choir

FRIDAY, January 19, 2024

10:00 am Exercise

SATURDAY, January 20, 2024

8:30 am Gambler's Anonymous
9:00 Spiritual Stroll
10:00 Love INC Class

SUNDAY, January 21, 2024

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer
8:45 Coffee with Jesus
10:00 Worship Service
Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship
12:00 pm Worship Committee
2:00 Parkside AA
6:00 Youth Group

Sanctuary

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