



*Arise,
shine;*

*for your light
has come,
and the glory
of the LORD
has risen upon you.*

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Isaiah 60:1

**Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service
January 7, 2024**

Words of Welcome

Life of the Church

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

Leader: Listen for God's word ...

All: calling forth creation.

Leader: Listen for God's word ...

All: working with power and majesty.

Leader: Listen for God's word ...

All: speaking blessings.

Leader: Listen for God's word ...

All: in this moment.

Opening Prayer

***Song of Praise** (please stand): *"Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna"*

Please enter my heart hosanna
O please lead my life today
Gentle Lamb of God
The Christ the anointed One
Won't You enter my heart today

O please hear my prayer hosanna
These words that I need to say

Gentle Lamb of God
The Christ the anointed One
Won't You enter my heart to stay

Please come hosanna
Hosanna O come Jesus
Come today come to stay

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

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Sermon for the Young and Young at Heart

Hymn of Preparation (please stand): *“When Jesus Came to Jordan”* (UMH 252)

1 When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon
but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.

2 He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.

So when the dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.

3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

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): *“Joyful Joyful We Adore thee”* (UMH 89)

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

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, 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, 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

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)

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.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! If you plan to make a pledge, please fill out a pledge card to support our 2024 ministries and place it in the offering plate.

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.

Pasta Dinner – The hospitality committee will be serving a traditional pasta dinner at PUMC on Thursday, **January 11 @ 5:30 – 7:00pm**. Pasta, sauce, meatballs, bread, salad, and dessert will be served.

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.

Opportunities for You This Week

SUNDAY, January 7, 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 8, 2024

9:00 am Monday Study Group
 10:00 Exercise
 1:00 pm Friendship Circle
 6:30 Gamblers Anonymous
 7:00 Ted Talk Watch Party

TUESDAY, January 9, 2024

12:00 pm Fellowship Discovery Luncheon
 1:00 Arts & Crafts Group
 5:30 PP Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2024

7:30 am Morning Prayers
 7:00 pm SPRC

THURSDAY, January 11, 2024

5:00 pm Pasta Dinner
 PP Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 Choir

FRIDAY, January 12, 2024

10:00 am Exercise

SATURDAY, January 13, 2024

8:30 am Gambler's Anonymous

SUNDAY, January 14, 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

Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna

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When Jesus Came to Jordan (UMH 252)

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green

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Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

WORDS: Henry Van Dyke

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven