For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ* 2 Corinthians 4:6 NRSV

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service February 11, 2024

Words of Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude: "Lift Every Voice & Sing" Latisha Delandro, Kayla Delandro-Latimer, Sarah-Grace White

Call to Worship:

Leader: As we live and as God lives,
People: God will not leave us.
Leader: When fire devours and storms blow us astray,
People: God will not leave us.
Leader: When truth is veiled and confusion reigns,
People: God will not leave us.
Leader: When the world changes around us,
People: God will not leave us.

Leader: When we long to speak but find no words,
People: God will not leave us.
Leader: When all around us is silent,
People: God will not leave us.
Leader: When faithfulness feels beyond us,
People: God will not leave us.
Leader: As we live and as God lives,
People: we worship the One who will not leave us.

Opening Prayer

*Song of Praise (please stand): "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship Come now is the time to give your heart Come just as you are to worship Come just as you are before your God Come

Verse 1

One day every tongue Will confess You are God One day every knee will bow

Song of Praise: "Grace Like Rain"

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see so clearly

Chorus

Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me Hallelujah all my stains are washed away (They're washed away)

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed Still the greatest treasure remains For those who gladly choose You now

Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives Willingly our knees will bow With all our heart soul mind and strength We gladly choose You now

Ending

Come come just as you are come come

Interlude

Yeah Verse 3 When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun We've no less days to sing Your praise Than when we'd first begun Ending Hallelujah yeah Hallelujah yeah Hallelujah yeah Hallelujah all my stains are washed away They're washed away

Scripture Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Sermon for the Young and Young at Heart: Kaye Schrock

Hymn of Preparation (please stand): "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" (UMH 703)

Refrain: Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home; swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.	tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)
1 I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, coming for to carry me home? A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)	3 I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down, coming for to carry me home; but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)
2 If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home;	4 The brightest day that I can say, coming for to carry me home; when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)

Sermon

Worship God with Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem: *"He is King of Kings"* Spiritual

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

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

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.

*Closing Hymn (please stand): "The God of Abraham Praise" (UMH 116)

 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love; Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

2. The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore, and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.

3. The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest; a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest. There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

4. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be: Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!"

Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

The flowers on the altar are given by Dave and Earlynn Kiesling to the Glory of God with a deep gratitude for all the people on our lives who love us and who we can love in return.

LEADING WORSHIP – Our Pastor, Kregg Gabor

HELPING IN WORSHIP	
Acolyte	
Liturgist	Vickie Carroll
Head Usher	Will Cass
Ushers	Cheryl Cass, Linda McCluskey, Nancy Myers

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

<u>We want to be your family of faith.</u> 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. 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.

Paper 2023 Giving Statements are available in the Narthex. However, if you would like a PDF sent to you please contact the church office.

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.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will take place on the evenings of July 8 – 10 (3 days). Volunteers are needed! We are in need of several adult volunteers who would like be assistants during the activities (which means no pre-planning!). Contact Angela if you might be interested.

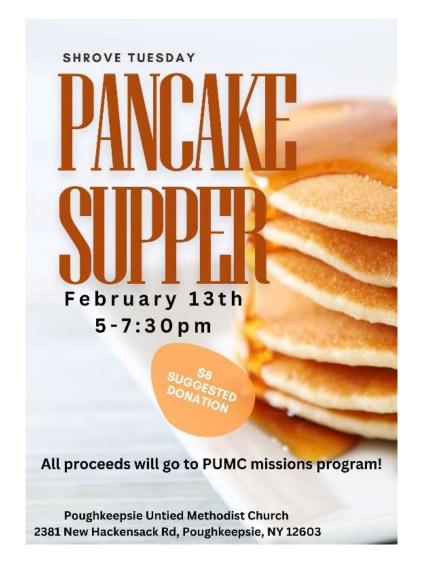
Important Upcoming Dates:

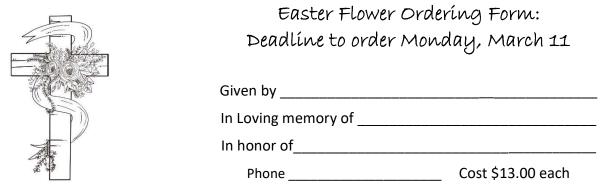
Monday, February 12th - Friendship Circle Tuesday, February 13th – Fellowship Discovery Luncheon Shrove Pancake Supper @ 5pm Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday Services @ 12pm & 6pm March Journey Deadline Friday, February 23rd - Movies with Meaning @ 6pm Saturday, March 16th – St Patrick's Day Dinner @ 5pm Saturday, March 24rd – Easter Movie Night @ 6pm Sunday, March 24th - Palm Sunday Thursday, March 28th - Maundy Thursday Seder and Service Friday, March 31st - Easter **SAVE THE DATE!!!** We are planning another trip to Lancaster, PA to see Daniel at the Sight and Sound Theatre. The trip is planned for October 25 and 26. More to follow!

Coffee Hour Bakers (or Shoppers) needed! – Would you be interested in providing the baked goods for coffee hour every now and then? There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you are interested.

We have found several musical instruments and some pieces of electronic equipment that have been left at the church. If any of these things belong to and you would like them back please let the office know and you can take them home.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - Friendship Circle will meet on February 12 in Fellowship Hall. Christine Wolcott, Program Development Manager at Anderson Center for Autism will give a presentation on the current state of autism and the programs and services that are available for individuals with autism. She will also discuss the needs in the autism community. Please bring your questions about autism and available services. Refreshments will be served.





I will take my flowers after the 10:00 am Service on Easter Sunday YES NO

Return this form to the church office or call 452-2933 to order.

Opportunities for You This Week

SUNDAY, February 11, 2024

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

MONDAY, February 12, 2024

1:00 pm	Friendship Circle
6:30	Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, February 13, 2024

10:30 am	Pastor's Bible Study
12:00 pm	Fellowship Discovery Luncheon
1:00	Arts & Crafts Group
5:00	Pancake Supper
5:30	PP Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30	Joyful Ringers

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday Journey Deadline Valentine's Day 7:30 am Morning Prayers

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12:00 pm	Worship Service
6:00	Worship Service

THURSDAY, February 15, 2024

5:00 pm	PP Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00	Choir

FRIDAY, February 16, 2024

10:00 Exercise

SATURDAY, February 17, 2024

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

SUNDAY, February 18, 2024

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

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

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