

**Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service
April 28, 2024**

Words of Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Leader: As members of Christ's Tree of Life,

People: we are connected, in love, to God.

Leader: As members of Christ's Tree of Life,

People: we are connected, in love, to one another.

Leader: As members of Christ's Tree of Life,

People: we strengthen our connection through worship.

Opening Prayer

***Song of Praise** (please stand): *"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

Song of Praise: *"Forever"*

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord

Our God and King

His love endures forever

For He is good He is above all things

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand

And an outstretched arm

His love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful

Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us

Forever forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun

His love endures forever

And by the grace of God

We will carry on

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Sermon for the Young and Young at Heart

Hymn of Preparation (please stand): *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* (UMH 92)

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

5. For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

Sermon

Worship God with Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem: *“Al Shlosha D’Varim”* Hebrew Text
*“The world is sustained by three things,
By truth, by justice, and by peace”
Jewish Morality Law*

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!

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.

Passing the Peace of Christ

***Closing Hymn** (please stand): *“Love Devine, All Loves Excelling”* (TFWS 384)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

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***The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Polly James birthday.***

**LEADING WORSHIP – Our Pastor, Kregg Gabor**

**HELPING IN WORSHIP**

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| Acolyte    |                 |
| Liturgist  | Sandy Pullinger |
| Head Usher | Will Cass       |
| Ushers     | Cheryl Cass     |

**Choir Appreciation Sunday – Today is Choir Appreciation Day. Don’t forget to thank a choir member!**

Our amazing choir members are: Steve Allen, Jacqui Bell, Nancy Besio, Beth Borchert, Debbie Carrier, Sam Dawson, Jenn Harmer, Dottie Jackson, Ryan Kinlaw, Duane Leung, Linda Lichtenstein, Pat McCullough, Heidi Mills, Joyce Norman, Ida Oliver, Jessica Pardee, Dawn Perkins, Sandy Pullinger, Dave Rawls, Sharon Rawls, Steve Rock, Kaye Schrock, George Sidgewick.

**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](mailto:office@pokumc.org).

### **REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Our members:** Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Janet Cole, Cheryl Cass, Will Cass, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Veronica Gordan, Emily Griess, Betsy Grover, Tom Halloran, Sandra Hansen, Gwen Higgins, Pat Hughes, Fred Jackson, Dick James, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Duane Lueng, 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,; Joshua Lord, 1-69 Infantry Medical Platoon Sergeant, NYC; Randal Middleton, Naples, Italy Naval Base, Major Jason Oliver, Texas.

## **Announcements**



PUMC's **Vacation Bible School** will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 8, 9 and 10, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The theme is SCUBA, where we'll take participants deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Along with the children's program, there will be concurrent Youth Ministries and Adult Discipleship opportunities. A powerful week for the whole family on their journey of faith! Only \$30 for the entire family. Save your spot by registering! Forms are available in Narthex, or signup online at [www.pokumc.org/vbs](http://www.pokumc.org/vbs) or use this QR code (point your smart phone camera at the QR code, then touch the link in the orange box).

**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!

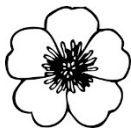


**Our May Fellowship Discovery Luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 14 @ 12PM.** Please let us know (by Thursday, May 9) if you plan to attend by scanning the QR code or as always you can contact the office. May's speaker will be Will Tatum, who is the Dutchess County Historian. Let's make this one the most popular yet.

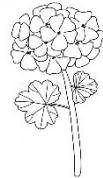
**Important Upcoming Dates:**

- Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Soaking Prayer @ 8am  
Mother’s Day Flower Orders Due
- Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day
- Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – June Journey Deadline
- Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Pentacost – Wear Red!

**POUGHKEEPSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MOTHER’S DAY FLOWER SALE**



**Bouquet of Anemones for \$15  
Potted Geranium for \$12**



**Pick-up in Fellowship Hall:  
Saturday May 11 - 2:00 to 4:00 pm  
Sunday May 12 - after service**

**Please Pre-Order your Flowers by Sunday, April 28  
with the order form below.**

**Please make checks payable to: PUMC  
Write “Mother’s Day Flowers” in memo line.**

**All Proceeds go towards PUMC Missions Projects**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Pick up day: \_\_\_ Sat. \_\_\_ Sunday**

|                 | Price per unit | Number of units     | Subtotal | Total |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|-------|
| Anemone Bouquet | \$15           | x _____             | \$       | \$    |
| Potted Geranium | \$12           | x _____<br>RED/PINK | \$       |       |

# Opportunities for You This Week

## SUNDAY, April 28, 2024

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

## MONDAY, April 29, 2024

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

## TUESDAY, April 30, 2024

10:30 Pastor's Bible Study  
1:00 pm Arts & Crafts Group  
5:30 PP Alcoholics Anonymous

## WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2023

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

## THURSDAY, May 2, 2024

5:30 PP Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 Choir

## FRIDAY, May 3, 2024

10:00 am Exercise

## SATURDAY, May 4, 2024

8:30 am Gambler's Anonymous  
10:30 Love INC Class

## SUNDAY, May 5, 2024

### Communion

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

### **Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord**

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### **Forever**

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Chris Tomlin

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### **For the Beauty of the Earth (UMH 92)**

LYRICS: Folliot S Pierpoint

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher

### **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (UMH 384)**

LYRICS: Charles Wesley

MUSIC: John Zundel