

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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March 5, 2017
11:00 AM Service

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Reverend David Krueger,

Deaconess, Darlene DiDomineck

US2, Rachel Ternes

Music Director, Adam Haines

Secretaries, Carla Brickhouse, Anne McCormick

Building Supervisor, Frank Jones

Sextons, Devon Goodwin, Russell Whaley,

John Buzby, Toni McIlwaine, Joe Kalil

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT #2212 "How Can I Keep From Singing"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and behold the glory of God

Come and receive the grace of God.

Come and feel the love of God.

Eat with Jesus and be filled.

Drink with Jesus and be renewed.

Walk with Jesus and be present with mercy and justice!

Ven y contempla la gloria de Dios

Ven y recibe la gracia de Dios.

Ven y siente el amor de Dios.

Come con Jesús y llénate

Bebe con Jesús y se renueva.

¡Caminen con Jesús y estén presentes con misericordia y justicia!

OPENING HYMN #269 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days "

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love)

"Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,

And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;

There are sweet expressions on each face,

And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived;
When we shall leave this place.*

*Hay un dulce espiritu aquí
y yo sé que es el Espíritu del Señor
Hay amor divino hoy aquí
y yo sé que es la presencia del Señor*

*Dulce Espiritu, tierno Creador
quedate hoy aquí
llenandonos con tu amor
y para siempre yo levantara
mi corazón y voz
sin duda sabremos
en paz renovarás
estando hoy aquí*

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:15-21

Rhonda Moore

Romans 5:12-19

CHORAL ANTHEM "Mercy" Craig Courtney

*GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON "A Prayer for Children" Reverend Kym McNair

HYMN #378 "Amazing Grace"

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN "See de lamb a cryin'" Spiritual
James Hopkins (tenor)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical setting on pages 23-24

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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, Almighty God: Creator of heaven and earth; God of Sarah and Abraham; God of Miriam and Moses; God of Deborah and Joshua; God of Ruth and David; God of Mary and Joseph; God of our Ancestors and God of all generations.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is The One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ. By the baptism of Jesus's holy hospitality, resistance to injustice, execution by the state and victory through and over it all, you gave birth to the church, delivered us from sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

On the night of The Last Supper, Jesus took a loaf of bread, broke it, gave thanks and shared it with all those gathered around the table. Later that night, Jesus took a cup of wine and shared it with his disciples. In sharing the bread and the cup Jesus offered his whole self - body, mind and spirit to the redeeming, reconciling and

restoring work of God and invited those around the table at the time and now all of us to be nourished by the bread of life and renewed by the cup of hope. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living community 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo.

Santificado sea tu nombre.

Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.

porque tuyo es el reino, y la gloria,

por todos los siglos.

Amén.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf,

We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us all pray:

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.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 529 "How Firm a Foundation "

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and
The Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen

Salgan en paz. La gracia del Señor Jesucristo y el amor de Dios, y
La Comunión del Espíritu Santo sean con todos Ustedes.

Amén

***POSTLUDE**

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Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Greeters: Shirlee Chambers and Bryan Sieber

Nursery Attendant: Frankie Dineen

Today's Holy Communion Liturgy

If you notice something different about the communion liturgy today you are not mistaken. The liturgy being used today was written by Pastor Robin and was introduced during the 2016 All Saint's Sunday Service. It is not meant to be a permanent replacement for the traditional liturgy; however, its difference will awaken spiritual sensibilities, ignite theological thoughts and stimulate critical conversation about the meaning of holy communion for you and those around you. Some members of the congregation took time several months ago to share their own thoughts and memories of the Lord's Supper and how they have come to understand it. All of the stories and ideas shared were powerful and added depth to the rich diversity of our congregation. It is Pastor Robin's hope and prayer that you will experience this liturgy as a heart-crafted gift still in the making. Special thanks is extended to Pastor Kym McNair, Deacon Nikki Kelley Kleinberg and Worship Leader, Nicola Jefferson for administering the sacrament.

Calendar of Events

March 5, to March 14, 2017

- SUN** 03/05 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
9:45 Adult Sunday School
9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Children's Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00 Get Acquainted Time, Chapel
12:20 to 3:00 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
5:30 Grace Café Devotions
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 03/06 1:00 Tea and Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- TUES** 03/07 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 03/08 **Noon Lenten Service**
6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 03/09 5:00 Diversity Group
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- SUN** 03/12 1:30 Worship Service, Chapel
9:45 Adult Sunday School
9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal
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Please see the events page on our web site:
www.archstreetumc.org for the full calendar of
happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Reverend Kym McNair
Is today's guest speaker

Rev. Kym McNair is the Coordinator for Community Education and Engagement

for My Sisters' Place, a domestic violence agency located in Westchester County, New York. In her role as Training Coordinator, she facilitates trainings throughout Westchester County for health care providers, law enforcement, college students, and religious communities to help them recognize and respond to Domestic/Intimate Partner violence in their professional and personal lives.

She represents My Sisters' Place and Antioch Baptist Church in the North East Westchester Domestic Abuse Alliance (NEW-DAA). She is a member of the Safe Church Project based at CONNECT Faith in New York City, which is a working group formed by clergy and lay leaders concerned with the church's response to child sex abuse and she works with CONNECT'S outreach to faith communities in New York City. She is also a member of the advisory council of the Children of Combahee, a group that mobilizes against child sexual abuse in Black churches using womanist pastoral and theological methods.

Reverend McNair is currently the Associate Minister at Antioch Baptist Church in Bedford Hills, NY and the Minister of Community Education and Engagement at Bedford Presbyterian Church in Bedford, New York.



(Photos: Aung San Suu Kyi, Alice Walker, Susanna Martínez)

ASUMC Celebrates Great Women in History

ASUMC's African Heritage Committee has established the theme, "WOMEN OF INDOMITBLE SPIRIT" that will inform worship four consecutive Sundays in 2017 (February 19th, February 26th, March 5th and March 12th). Reverend Naomi Leapheart, Christ Servant Minister Melanie DuPree, Reverend Kym McNair and Elder Melanie DuBouse are the guest speakers in that order. Each of them will identify a woman in their life who provided inspiration, shared insight and demonstrated integrity. Using the example of this woman's influence they will tell their story of the woman/women who undergird(s) their spirit and sacred service. In addition, pictures and descriptions of other women who exhibit an indomitable spirit will be posted throughout the church. Each guest preacher will speak at both morning services and join the Adult Sunday School class at 9:45am. There will be a Get Acquainted Time after the 11am service on all four Sundays.

Pastor Robin is Out of the Country

Pastor Robin will be out of the country from March 1 - 15, 2017. He is on a Peace-Witness Tour of the Occupied Palestinian Territories and attending the 2017 Sabeel 10th International Conference in Bethlehem. Sabeel is an international peace movement initiated by Palestinian Christians who promote theological, moral and legal principles for peace, practice a spirituality based on justice, peace, non-violence, liberation and reconciliation and articulate the heritage and witness of Palestinian Christians. The movement grew out of a struggle to interpret scripture in light of the Palestinian experience under occupation. As local Palestinian Christians struggled together they forged a Palestinian version of

Liberation Theology which holds the Gospel call for freedom from political, social and economic oppression. **While Pastor Robin is away please contact the church office if you have a pastoral need. Retired Elder Rev. Herbert Snyder, Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck and Deacons David Kruger and Nikki Kelley Kleinberg are all willing to be of assistance.**

Important Message

In order to have the bulletin produced in a timely manner please make sure all submissions are submitted by **Wednesday at 2pm**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

PHILADELPHIA MISSION CONNEXION
 EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

❖ *Ash Wednesday, March 8th at Haven Peniel UMC - 7 pm*
 Location: 2301 W. Oxford Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121

❖ *Bible Studies: "Fruits of the Spirit" at 7pm*

March 8th - (Love)
Location: New Vision – 3259 N. Broad St, Phila., PA 19140

March 15th - (Joy)
Location: Emmanuel – 2346-50 N. 17th St, Phila., PA 19132

March 22nd - (Peace)
Location: Tindley Temple – 750 S. Broad St, Phila., PA 19146

March 29th - (Long Suffering)
Location: Haven Peniel - 2301 W. Oxford St, Phila., PA 19121

April 5th - (Kindness)
Location: Trinity at Tindley Temple
 750 S. Broad St, Phila., PA 19146

APRIL 9TH - PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

❖ *Holy Week Revival at Devereux UMC – April 10th – April 14th 7pm*
Location: 2527 W. Allegheny Avenue Phila., PA 19132

Mon. - Trinity (Rev. Maxwell) / Weds. – Tindley (Rev. R. Johnson)
 Tues. - Arch Street (Rev. Hynicka) / Thurs. – Devereux (Rev. Wilson)



<p>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT TINDLEY TEMPLE (12-3PM)</p> <p><u>Seven Last Words:</u></p> <p>REV. EBO REV. HOLSTON REV. CARR REV. S. JOHNSON REV. MONTE REV. BRAUNER REV. R. JOHNSON</p>

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday, February 26th was 107 and Grace Café was 225. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Sunday School

All those interested in reading, reflecting on and discussing the Bible passages used in each week's sermon are invited to meet in the Chapel every Sunday at 9:45am. The scriptures readings for today's class are Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, and John 3:1-17. The readings for NEXT week are Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-11, and John 4:5-42

Grace Café

Grace Café (ASUMC's outreach to folks currently without homes) is open **every Sunday** through the end of June. After a brief period of faith sharing, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal hosted by Temple International Business Association. There are still openings for hosts to bring food and prepare a meal for about 200 people. If you know of a group that would like to assist in this important mission, please have them contact the church office at 215-568-6250 or Darlene DiDomineck at gracecafehilly@gmail.com Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

Arch Street UMC 2017 Lenten Series

The 2017 Lenten Series began on **Ash Wednesday, March 1**, and continues through Holy Week. The theme for the series is "The Last Week" based on the book with the same name by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. The Ash Wednesday service took place in the main sanctuary and featured piano music, preaching, Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. The remainder of the Wednesdays in Lent, including the Wednesday of Holy Week will feature an in depth study of the last week in the life of Jesus. Each Wednesday will feature a different day's events of the last week and will connect the events to the surrounding social/economic/political/religious context of the time. This study will take place in the Prayer Chapel and will include a piano prelude with hymn singing. The Ash Wednesday Service and the Wednesday study sessions will begin at 12 noon and conclude at 12:50pm.

LGBT Event: Philly Gay Chorus

The LGBT group will attend the Philly Gay Chorus event on March 24 at 8 p.m. at the Prince Theatre. Tickets cost \$27.50 each. If you plan to go, please see Mike Gilbertson before or after church or email him at michael.e.gilbertson@gmail.com. We need to buy the tickets before March 3 to get this discounted price. Here is what the Chorus says about the show: Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus presents Philly Made, our official 35th Anniversary concert. Philly Made will feature artists, composers, and songs who, like PGMC, originated in and embody the spirit of Philadelphia. What better way to celebrate our home in the City of Brotherly Love than to honor its musical talent and traditions?

United Methodist Women

Book discussion of Liberating Black Church History on Sunday March 12th!

The United Methodist Women will host a discussion of the book, Liberating Black Church History by Juan Floyd-Thomas, on Sunday March 12 immediately following the 11 am Worship Service. We will meet in the second floor conference room. **All are welcome. You don't have to be a woman or a United Methodist Woman to join in the fun.** There will be food for the body as well as the soul.

This book lays out how the lessons of the dark past shaped a people's religious quest for liberation and their long struggle for freedom, justice, and equality. The book bears witness to the story of a liberating faith in action in three moves. First, the book narrates the transformation of Black faith and culture in the North American context from enslavement to emancipation. Second, it discusses Black people's confrontation with the crisis of segregation and how it led to the culmination of the civil rights struggle in the United States and beyond. Finally, the author focuses on the contemporary developments in the religious experience of African Americans as they moved from the Black Power era to the Age of Obama. Questions? Ask Margaret (margaretharris@me.com or 215-568-2206)

Arch St. UMW Calendar 2017

Sunday March 12: 12:15-2:00 pm. UMW Quarterly Book discussion of Liberating Black History by Juan Floyd-Thomas (Education for Mission). Copies of the book are available from Margaret.

Sunday March 26: UMW GAT: Presentation from New Sanctuary Movement

Saturday April 1: UMW Conference Leadership Development. 9 am to 2 pm. Wilhelmina to share information about location.

Sunday April 9: UMW meeting. Darlene Di Domineck to give presentation.

Easter Sunday April 15: UMW to volunteer to serve and help at Grace Cafe: 4:45 to 8 pm.

Sunday April 23: UMW GAT

Sunday May 7: UMW :Discussion of Wage Theft, which is an 18 page comic. I've ordered it. This counts as Social Action. We will also have a discussion about the upcoming Primary Election? Know your candidates, etc.

May 20 - Spiritual Life Retreat 9:30 - 12:00- Theme - A Bead & a Prayer presented by our own Rachel Ternes. This is a Conference UMW event.

June 4: UMW: Quarterly Book Discussion: Spiritual Growth Book: Living into Hope by Joan Brown Campbell.

June 11: Pride Parade Sunday! March everybody, march!
June 25 UMW GAT.

Friday August 11: 6 pm to whenever. Annual UMW Potluck at Margaret's house. No book discussion. No agenda. Just fun.



Upcoming Events from POWER and Related Organizations

March 15: *Pushing Social Change through Social Media*

The power of social media is hard to dismiss. What once seemed like a trivial way to keep in touch with friends has become a force for social change. Join POWER and the Media Mobilizing Project on **Wednesday, March 15 from 6:00–8:00 PM** at American Friends Service Committee (1501 Cherry St.) as we put our heads together and discuss how to thoughtfully harness the power of social media, educating and empowering one another through today's technology and online platforms.

March 19: *“Sanctuary in the Streets”*

The New Sanctuary Movement has launched “Sanctuary in the Streets” to support our undocumented neighbors when an ICE raid is underway. They are halfway to their goal to recruit and train 1,000 volunteers in Philly for

this work. Margaret Harris says: “I have signed up for the training for Sanctuary in the Streets on March 2nd. I feel with the increased number of raids that Javier is in greater danger and we need to be prepared. It would be wonderful if others could join me.” The next training will be held **Sunday, March 19 from 1:00–5:00 PM** in West Philadelphia, location and details to come.

Robeson County Church Needs OUR Help Target Goal \$8,000



The Robeson County Church and Community Center in Lumberton, NC was under water due to flood waters from the Lumbee River. The Center and the people that work there are well known to Arch Street UMC. For the last eight years, **ASUMC Youth** have traveled to Lumberton and

Pembroke NC to work alongside local leaders on various church and community improvement projects. The Center is the heart and soul of working with the poor of Robeson County – the poorest county in NC. **The United Methodist Church is the driving force behind the Center’s work.** In a conversation, with Pastor Kelly (local leader), he stated that funds and volunteers are desperately needed to clean up and restore the Center so they can resume and upgrade service. The **ASUMC Youth** are so close to this NC community and ask for your help. **Pastor Robin has set a stretch goal of \$8,000.** We have collected 1/3 of our goal. Gifts can be made to this special cause in honor of a special person. Please use the special offering envelope inserted in the bulletin. Checks should be made out to Arch Street UMC with the words ***Flood Relief*** on the memo line.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Anna Burton, Ms. Dolly , Virginia Wilks, Evelyn James, Jonathan Legg, Lisa Lore, Luca, Max Northouse, Pat Taylor, Alma Dopson, Cynthia Dupree, Marion Ambrose, Mrs. Mastrando, Chris Whaley, Sarah Rowe, James Hearn, Zeke Sanders, Geraldine Bradley, Michael Bowman, Jazzy, Helena & Jackie Yorker, Mrs. Bowman, Ann Bishton, Rev. James Pittman, Evelyn Tinsley, Constance James, Deanna Cottom, D. Nicholas Tyrone Christy, Virgil Watson, Jim Griscol, Gloria Young, Russell Whaley, Tanya Graves, Dorothy Hurley, Dolores Farinre-Carey, J. J., Mr. Franco, Skylar, John Johnson, Len Metzler, Loretta Wootten, Emily Jenson, Marsha Wittman, Jenny Jakacki, Laura Massey, Tim Brazelton, Diann Rollins, Joan Wood, James Williams, Anthony Mastrando, Inez Barrett-Otey, Diana Amey, Casey Edwards, Ann Gennaro, Mark Fischer, Ida Bristoe, Maureen Norman, Jeanne Kostenbader, Donald Lathrop, Pamela Thomas, Sandra Parker, Marion Dabney, Patricia Pape, Yazid Jones, Ernie, John Tucker, Lou Brooks, Rob Koob, Jada Bascom, Minerva Clark, Vanessa & Yaddy Sellers, Nakia Rimmer, Don Allen, Anna Cole, Christopher Browne, Betty Flowerree, Troy McColley, Barton Burke, Thomas Onorato, Roy Samuel Layden, Dorothy Eady, Molly Villafane, Pamela Maupin, Mary Reece, Celestine Justin, Louis Harrigan, Mayra Malonada, Sheldon Nixon, Althea Sea, Dumis Randolph, Joanne Ferreri, Rosemary Schier, Carla Kelley.*

Prayers of Encouragement: *Anna Burton, Rick Taylor and family, Marge Donnelly and family, Bill Gatewood , Bill & Marlene McCormick, Mat Hearn, Pat Taylor, Steven Whaley, Qing-Song Chen, and David, Rev. Brett Charsky, Anthony Eugene Smith and his mother, Christina, Rashida Bryant, Shelly Folks, the Thompson/Norman family, Calvin Smith, Jr., Deborah Seely, Caroline Lopopolo, Alexander Grant, Anana Tinnhé, Laura Harrigan, Rick Taylor, the Robertson family, Dorothy Watson and family, for Rich, and Elaine Jenson and family.*

Prayers of Protection for our service people and those living in parts of the world under conflict. Please pray for those who are hungry, ill, displaced, or living in poverty because of natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them.

ARCH STREET UMC VISION

Arch Street United Methodist Church will be a welcoming Christian community that inspires openness, understanding, healing and reconciliation both within the congregation and in the community-at-large.

ARCH STREET MISSION STATEMENT

Arch Street United Methodist Church's mission is to love God and neighbor by nurturing individuals on their spiritual journeys, encouraging creativity in faithful service, strengthening relationships and promoting justice.

GOD'S TABLE IS OPEN TO ALL.

THERE'S ROOM AT THE TABLE FOR YOU.

Arch Street United Methodist Church is a community of faith-keeping and faith-seeking people who embrace diversity in our congregation and community, and affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for all of the gifts of God among us. Our welcome knows no boundaries, whether of age, racial or ethnic background, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic or marital status, or physical or mental ability. We welcome all to share in the ministry, fellowship, and blessings of full participation as members of Christ's body.



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