

Harvey Memorial United Methodist Church
1120 Arnold Ave., Pt. Pleasant NJ 08742
February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent

Mission Statement of Harvey UM Church
**In Christ's name we welcome everyone,
share faith together and serve the world.**

adopted at Ad.Bd.on March 20, 2012

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come along with me as a sojourner in faith. Bring along a sense of expectancy, a vision of high hopes, a glimpse of future possibility, a vivid imagination, for God's creation is not done.

People: We are called to pioneer a future new with God. As we venture forward during these Lenten days we leave behind our desires for a no-risk life, worldly accumulations, wealth.

Leader: Let us travel light in the spirit of faith and expectation toward the God of our hopes and dreams.

People: Come along together on this Lenten Journey, as sojourners in faith, knowing that God goes with and God is here now!

*OPENING HYMN 124 "Seek the Lord"

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of truth whom the world can never grasp, touch our hearts with the shock of Your coming; fill us with desire for Your disturbing peace; and fire us with longing to speak Your uncontainable word through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Jamet Morely, All Desires Known (Wilton, Conn.: Morehouse-Barlow Co. Inc. 1988), 19

ANNOUNCEMENTS Mission Statement Please sign the attendance pads and pass on, also, fill in the blue prayer cards.

PSALTER READING Psalm 25:1-10, pages 756-7, resp.#2

JOYS AND CONCERNS – pass in blue cards.

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 269 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

*PASSING THE PEACE

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:9-15, pages 34-35

GRAYCE CHOIR ANTHEM

“On the Cross at Calvary”

P.M. Liebergen

SERMON “The Wilderness Temptation”

Pastor Hyun-Bo Shim

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of life and new beginnings, we offer our gifts that the money we give might provide a new beginning for those who need it most. As we dedicate the gifts we bring, let us dedicate ourselves to make our intentions reality as we follow Jesus to Jerusalem...and beyond. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN 297 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

*BENEDICTION

May we find the road that leads to life; may we take the turns that bring right relationships; may we pause to accompany others on the way; and may we journey with God through Lent, and long for the horizon and dawn. and the grace. Amen.

--Roddy Hamilton

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

301, ref. “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

*SENDING FORTH

Those wishing to be anointed for healing please come to the altar rail following the service this morning.

The altar flowers are given in memory of Joan and Sam Bowden by the Bowden family.

The greeter this morning is Jan Peterson.

The Eternal Light is lit this month by the Maione Family.

This Week:

Today: Congregational Meeting/Covered Dish Luncheon following the Worship Service.

- 4:00 Hispanic Service/dinner
- Mon. 1:00 UM Women General Meeting
8:00 Bell Choir rehearsal
- Wed. 7:30 Prayer Meeting
- Thu. 6:00 Soup/Sandwich supper and Lenten Study:
“Faith Lessons on the Promised Land –
Crossroads of the World” by Ray Vander
Laan”. All are invited to attend – a sign-up
sheet is on the desk in the hall way for
soup, etc.
8:00 Grayce Choir rehearsal
- Sat. 9-Noon Pet Pantry open for those who cannot
afford to care for their beloved pets.

March 4th – Dedication and celebration of the new choir robes

Prayer requests: June Myatt, Marguerite Ruscito, Lois Hammell, Helen Kitchen, Rudy Arndt, Tarah Patterson, Jayne Laytham, those affected by recent disasters, our church, our military and their families, the homeless and unemployed, Peace on Earth.

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We Are All Ministers

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