THE NEW YORK AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VIRTUAL WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2020

WORSHIP: 10 AM - 11 AM

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: 11 AM
Welcome to Virtual Worship at NYAPC. Introduction and Instructions for Zoom worship service:

- Please keep yourself on mute unless otherwise directed so that we are not picking up outside sound. If you need to leave and you are on mute, say goodbye in the chat box.

- Try to angle your camera so we can see you! You can also have your video on or off.

- Use the chat box to chat either with the whole community or with an individual. In the chat box, please say good morning to the group! (Try that now)

- We are counting on this zoom worship working. If not, we will switch to the live-stream found on the church webpage www.nyapc.org and re-try during the congregational meeting time.
MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

▸ Session Announcements re. COVID-19; Virtual Worship; Building Closed except for the Radcliffe Room, Church is still the Church (on-line, phone).

▸ Pastoral Care Announcements: Phone Tree is being set up now; For Pastoral Care needs please be in touch with Pastor Heather Shortlidge; Please check on your loved ones regularly by phone.

▸ Communications Announcements: Check the church website, your email and the church Facebook page often; The church has a subscription to this Zoom account that you can use for meetings.

▸ Congregational Meeting to dissolve the Pastoral relationship between Rev. Alice Rose Tewell and The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church will directly follow this worship service.
NYAPC DIGITAL PRESENCE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WEEK OF MARCH 16

Morning Prayer
Tuesday March 17th
8:00-8:30am
Join Rev. Heather Shortlidge for 30 minutes of liturgy and prayer using Shane Claiborne’s book, *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*. You do not have to have the book to participate in this service of prayer. Copies of the liturgy will be posted online.
https://zoom.us/j/810407468

Children’s Story Time
Tuesday March 17th
11:00am
*Join us for 30 minutes of story with a beloved NYAPC adult. Suitable for little ones that normally come forward for the Time with Children in Sunday morning worship services.*
https://zoom.us/j/792717643

Bible Study
Wednesday March 18th
12:00-1:00pm
*In the midst of all this uncertainty, join us to gather around God’s word to hear what God might be saying to the church today. Join Rev. Shortlidge in this study of Luke 10, the story of Mary and Martha, the text that will be used in worship on Sunday morning.*
https://zoom.us/j/865096219
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Morning Prayer
Thursday March 19th
8:00-8:30am
Join Rev. Heather Shortlidge for 30 minutes of liturgy and prayer using the Iona Abbey Worship Book’s, Service of Prayer for Healing. You do not have to have the book to participate in this service of prayer. Copies of the liturgy will be posted online.

https://zoom.us/j/290813936

Community Book Study
Thursday March 19th
12:00-1:00pm
Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life by Tish Harrison Warren

We will discuss the introduction and first chapter, “Waking: Baptism and Learning to Be Beloved.” The discussion questions for chapter one will be our roadmap. This book is available through Audible or Kindle, a paperback copy is possible, but will take a few weeks to arrive.

https://zoom.us/j/404336062

Children’s Story Time
Thursday March 19th
11:00am
Join us for 30 minutes of story with a beloved NYAPC adult. Suitable for little ones that normally come forward for the Time with Children in Sunday morning worship services.

https://zoom.us/j/437024126

Faith on Tap
Thursday March 19th
7:00-8:00pm
Grab your favorite beverage and join Transitional Pastor, Rev. Heather Shortlidge, for conversation and fellowship...

https://zoom.us/j/588662604
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**Friday Concert**  
Friday March 20th

Stan Engebretson, Director of Music, and Whitney McColley, Vocal Soloist, will pair up for a 20-minute concert to bring beauty and music into the midst of your week. This concert will be pre-recorded.

   Link: *Coming Soon*

**Sunday Adult Education: Parenting and Grandparenting Through Lent**  
Sunday March 22nd  
9:00-10:00am

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord,*\(^1\) *for this is right.... And, [parents], do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*  

   – Ephesians 6

NYAPC is lucky to have so many children and their families in our midst. This class will consider how we—as parents, grandparents, and the community of faith—can apply our Lenten theme of “cultivating and letting go” as we raise our children and grandchildren. Guest preacher, Rev. Jessica Tate, and her mom, Joanne Stratton Tate, a long-time parent-educator, will lead this cross-generational reflection. (The class is pre-recorded, so will be available for people to view even if they cannot make the 9am time).

   Link: *Coming Soon*

**Gathered in Prayer**  
Sunday March 22nd  
9:15am

Join others in a time of prayer for our community, the world, neighbors in need, and our own members and friends on our Care/Prayer list.

   [https://zoom.us/j/643732875](https://zoom.us/j/643732875)

**Sunday Worship**  
Sunday March 22nd  
10:00am

Rev. Jessica Tate, Director of NEXT Church, will lead our online worship service. Stay tuned for which online platform we will be using. Coloring pages and children’s resources will be available to download.

   Link: *Coming Soon*
CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: From kitchens to living rooms, in single family homes, in apartments, in condos, we gather.

- All: We gather as church community seeing each other in video, and hearing each other over the phone.

- Leader: We gather unsettled by new technology yet also seeing the possibilities for connection.

- All: We gather to give thanks for the gifts of life and faith we have received.

- Leader: We gather to notice the beauty of the promise of spring.

- All: We gather to be with each other in times of fear and anxiety. We gather to give each other a sense of calm, community, and God’s love. We gather to worship God.
EVERYONE LED BY DR. STAN AND WHITNEY MCCOLLEY. PLEASE SING. EVERYONE WILL BE ON MUTE SO YOU WON’T HEAR EACH OTHER.

OPENING HYMN - HERE IN THIS PLACE #401

- Hymns today will be led by Dr. Stan and Ms. Whitney. Look to them to lead!

- Verse 1: Here in this place, the new light is streaming;

- Now in the darkness vanished away; see in this place our fears and our dreaming brought to here in the light of this day.

- Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now; and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.
EVERYONE

HERE IN THIS PLACE

VERSE 2

- Verse 2: We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old yearn who yearn for your face.

- We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

- Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.
EVERYONE

HERE IN THIS PLACE
VERSE 3

- Verse 3: Here will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new brith.
- Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
- Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy One, we come to you with our whole selves confessing those things that have kept us apart from you in heart, mind, souls and bodies. Help us admit that we are broken, broken by anxiety and fear, broken by lack of trust, broken because it feels like our faith is being put to the test.

All: God of all creation, mend the broken places and make them stronger in you.

Leader: Holy One, we worry about the people who we love. We worry about those in Italy, South Korea, Iran, China, Japan, Germany, Brazil, Seattle, New York, across the DMV, and everywhere else in the world. We worry about our medical workers across the globe and worry about global shortages.

All: God of all creation, rescue us from the frightening places and show us that we are all bound and connected by being part of your beloved creation.

Leader: Holy One, there is just too much, and we are so anxious about it all – about this pandemic, about the global economy, about scarcity, about life and death decisions, about talking to our kids, about talking to our parents, about loneliness, about spiritual, mental and physical health.

All: God of all creation, infuse peace and serenity in our hearts. Help us see the Sabbath possibilities in this time. Lavish us with grace, compassion, and love.

All: Remind us that you have claimed the world, and us, as your own, good and beloved and redeemed. Amen.
ASSURANCE OF GRACE
MAY GOD BE WITH YOU.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.
(WAVE. SMILE. SHOUT OUT YOUR GREETING.)

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND SHOUT OUTS LED BY THE PASTORS
RESPONSE HYMN - HERE IN THIS PLACE VERSE 4

- Verse 4: Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

- Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in your flesh and our bones.
I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

My help comes from God,
who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved;
God who keeps you will not slumber.

God who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

God is your keeper;

God is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

God will keep you from all evil;
God will keep your life.

God will keep your going out and your
coming in from this time on and
forevermore.
Shout out to the children and youth. Who is here? I have loved being your pastor. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

With coronavirus, some people are feeling scared. Share how you are feeling with your parents. They will tell you that you are loved. They will also tell you to:

- WASH YOUR HANDS
- COUGH INTO YOUR SLEEVE

Your parents will support you to be brave. That is what Christians do!

We are staying home so that we can do our best to take care of everyone.

You have taught me as a Christian it is REALLY important that we think about EVERY-BODY because GOD LOVES EVERY-BODY.

Prayer.
WHITNEY MCCOLLEY — THANK YOU, WHITNEY!

ANTHEM- SOLOIST
So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?

Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

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REVEREND ALICE ROSE TEWELL

MEDITATION “LIVING WATER”

Living Water is embracing new ways of Sabbath living.
Living water is gathering in new ways caring for the whole body.

Living water comes in creative ways of expressing faith.

Living water is giving thanks for relationships.
Living water is celebrating the church that seeks to serve God.

Living water is caring for church staff.

Living water is embracing new learnings.
Living water is asking brave questions.

Living water is seeking the truth.

Living water is standing up for justice.
Living water is standing against racism.

Living water is standing against xenophobia.

Living water is standing up for those without homes.
Living water is encouraging our children and youth.

Living water is fellowship and service.

Living water is remembering our college students.
Living water is bold witness.

Living water comes caring for each other in phone calls, notes, and emails of kindness.

Living water is celebrating each other.
Living water is our connectional body.

Living water is song.

Living water is our pastor and our leaders.
WHAT IF YOU THOUGHT OF IT AS THE JEWS CONSIDER THE SABBATH—
THE MOST SACRED OF TIMES?
CEASE FROM TRAVEL.
CEASE FROM BUYING AND SELLING.
GIVE UP, JUST FOR NOW,
ON TRYING TO MAKE THE WORLD DIFFERENT THAN IT IS.
SING. PRAY. TOUCH ONLY THOSE TO WHOM YOU COMMIT YOUR LIFE.
CENTER DOWN.

AND WHEN YOUR BODY HAS BECOME STILL,
REACH OUT WITH YOUR HEART.
KNOW THAT WE ARE CONNECTED IN WAYS THAT ARE TERRIFYING AND BEAUTIFUL.

(YOU COULD HARDLY DENY IT NOW.)

KNOW THAT OUR LIVES ARE IN ONE ANOTHER’S HANDS.
(SURELY, THAT HAS COME CLEAR.)

DO NOT REACH OUT YOUR HANDS.
REACH OUT YOUR HEART.
REACH OUT YOUR WORDS.
REACH OUT ALL THE TENDRILS OF COMPASSION THAT MOVE, INVISIBLY,
WHERE WE CANNOT TOUCH.
PROMISE THIS WORLD YOUR LOVE--
FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE,
IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH,
SO LONG AS WE ALL SHALL LIVE.
EVERYONE LED BY DR. STAN

SERMON HYMN: BE THOU MY VISION #450, VERSES 1 AND 3

▸ Verse 1: Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night; Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

▸ Verse 3: Riches I heed not, nor the empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart; O God of glory, my treasure Thou art.
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - PCUSA BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

▸ In life and in death we belong to God.

▸ Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. (section 1)

▸ With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (section 5)
CALL FOR THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

▶ We are taking this pandemic seriously and day by day. Financial stewardship is critically important during this time as we endeavor to serve the community, pay all of our staff (hourly, contract, salaried), and provide for emergency assistance for those who need it.

▶ If you are able, we ask that you continue to give your pledge to the church online or in the mail. Give online at www.nyapc.org or mail in your check to 1313 New York Avenue NW Washington DC

▶ We also ask that if you are able you prayerfully consider increasing your giving.

▶ If you are facing a financial emergency, please contact Pastor Heather Shortlidge so she might see how the church might be able to help.

▶ We are committed to providing Radcliffe Room breakfast and fellowship outside as long as possible. If you are younger and healthy and are able to help with breakfast, please contact Tyler Feret. For more information please see congregational emails and the church website.
God of all of creation, we pray that these gifts given with so much generosity would support the work of your church serving the community and the members.

We pray that these gifts would help provide food, medicine and comfort to those who live without a home.

We pray that these gifts would help provide for those facing job and income loss.

We pray that these gifts would help your church by enabling us to show up for each other, including virtually.

We give thanks for your care of all of us, and pray that these gifts would go towards the wholeness of your entire creation.

We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.
PASTORS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER

▷ Today for the Prayers of the People, we will do a Virtual Microphone pass led by the pastors.

▷ You are also encouraged to type in your prayers in the chat box.
LED BY DR. STAN. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO THE HAND MOVEMENTS.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD
(3 TIMES)

- Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
- Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
- Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.
- Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
God bless you and keep you;

May God’s face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

My God lift up God’s countenance upon you, and give you peace.

All: Alleluia! Amen.
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
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▪ CALL TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUOREM
  ▪ Our bylaws state that the quorum for a congregational meeting is 1/10th of the membership, making our quorum 45 people.

▪ OPENING PRAYER

▪ INTRODUCTION OF LYMAN SMITH
  ▪ Lyman serves as the Co-Chair of the Transitions Team for National Capital Presbytery.

▪ DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

▪ TERMS OF DISSOLUTION: Rev. Tewell’s final day at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church is today, Sunday March 15. Rev. Tewell will be paid her full salary and benefits until March 30, 2020.

▪ MOTION: For five and a half years, Rev. Alice Tewell has faithfully served as the Associate Pastor of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. With deep gratitude for her ministry, we now dissolve the pastoral relationship, blessing her as she moves into another call.

▪ SIGNING OF THE COVENANT OF CLOSURE (see attached)

▪ CLOSING PRAYER

▪ HONORING REV. TEWELL’S MINISTRY
  ▪ A reception honoring Rev. Tewell’s ministry will be held at a later date, once the COVID-19 pandemic has quieted down. In the meantime, please send cards of appreciation via mail or email. (next slide for prayer)
BLESSING

May the blessings released through your hands
Cause windows to open in darkened minds.

May the sufferings your calling brings
Be but winter before the spring.

May the companionship of your doubt
Restore what your beliefs leave out.

May the secret hungers of your heart
Harvest from emptiness its sacred fruit.

May your solitude be a voyage
Into the wilderness and wonder of God.

May your words have the prophetic edge
To enable the heart to hear itself.

May the silence where your calling dwells
Foster your freedom in all you do and feel.

May you find words full of divine warmth
To clothe the dying in the language of dawn.

May the slow light of the Eucharist
Be a sure shelter around your future.

—*For the Priesthood* by John O’Donohue