



# MERRIMACPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"CREATE IN ME A  
CLEAN heart,  
O GOD,  
AND RENEW A  
RIGHT spirit  
WITHIN ME."  
PSALM 51:10

## **JEREMIAH 31:31-34**

31:31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

31:32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

31:33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

31:34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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Prayers and Notes from Today:

MARCH 18, 2018  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

\* = Please stand as you are able  
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal - Hardcover, red book  
TFWS = The Faith We Sing - Softcover, black book

Hearing Assistance  
Devices are available  
at the Entrance Table.

**WELCOME**

**BERYL PUDDESTER-MCKENNA**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 51:10-12)**

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**P: Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

L: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**\*SONG "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH # 383**

**BIRTHDAY PENNIES** - All are invited to share a birthday or anniversary celebration with a small donation that goes to Heifer International, a mission organization working to eliminate world hunger.

**Children's Message**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS -**

We will lift up our prayer requests and respond to each prayer saying,  
**"Lord, hear our prayer."**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**UMH 894**

The congregation will respond with the Lord's Prayer as found in the hymnal.

**\*SONG** "Come and Fill Our Hearts" TFWS # 2157  
**SCRIPTURE LESSON** JEREMIAH 31:31-34 JOANNA SANFERRARE  
**MESSAGE** "A Forgiven People" Pastor Matt

**OFFERING** - Through this collection, members of Merrimacport UMC support the life of our church and our ministries. If you are visiting with us we appreciate any gift that you feel moved to make, but please do not feel that you have to. Your presence with us this morning is your gift to us.

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE** UMH #95

Please stand as the usher brings forward the offering and we sing together.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God, our light and salvation, your forgiveness brings joy and gladness. Thank you for welcoming us to worship with open arms. Thank you for inviting us to follow Jesus as disciples who love you and love our neighbors. Keep us close to you, for in your presence we live. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to you. Let your will be done by your Spirit at work in us a part of the church of Jesus Christ your Son. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen. (Psalm 51)**

**\*SONG** "Who Am I" Video

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**As God has forgiven our sins, let us go joyfully into God's world, offering God's love, forgiveness and peace. Go in peace and the peace of God goes with you. AMEN.**

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Restrooms are located downstairs.

Join us downstairs after worship for coffee, food and conversation. All are welcome!