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Sunday, April 28, 2024

**The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty, Interim Pastor
Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist**

Services are live-streamed on YouTube at: <https://tinyurl.com/upcbuffalo>

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024
Service for the Lord's Day
10:30 a. m.

AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

In order that people may listen to the music or pray in silence without distraction, please refrain from conversation after the music begins and kindly silence all cell phones. Thank you.

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship. A playroom is available near the sanctuary for young children who are accompanied by their parents.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request which you would like the pastor to include in "Prayers of the People," please fill out the yellow prayer request slip found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate when passed. Ushers will take them from the plate and when the offering is brought forward, hand them to the pastor.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Jubilee Suite
Promenade

Gordon Young

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*please stand, if able*)

Beloved, let us love one another.

We love because God first loved us.

Prayer of the Day

O God,
form the minds of your faithful people into a single will.
Make us love what you command
and desire what you promise,
that, amid all the changes of this world,
our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession and Pardon

The Invitation:

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

The Prayer:

**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

The Pardon:

Hear the good news of God's promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

Hymn #583

Glory to God (*sung 3 times*)

Jacques Berthier

Sharing the Peace and Greetings

As God's forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another saying, "the peace of Christ be with you".

Sung response Hymn #822

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Exodus 19:1-6 (p. 65 of the OT in pew Bible)

Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8 (p. 109 of the NT in pew Bible)

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Love Is Little

From Shaker Songs
arr. Keven Siegfried

"Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow,
Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right."

Sermon "On Eagles Wings"

Hymn #43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord
On Eagles Wings Jan Michael Joncas

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary Jubilee Suite Gordon Young
Arioso

Doxology Hymn #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Hymn #450 Be Thou My Vision David Evans
Slane

Benediction

Postlude Jubilee Suite Gordon Young
Carillon-Toccata

Chancel Flowers are from John & Priscilla Maddock,
in honor of their granddaughter Siena Leigh Giancarlo's
2nd birthday (born 4/27/22).

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Participating in Worship
The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty, Interim Pastor
Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist
Liturgist: Vicki Moorhouse
Greeters: Val Macer Sandy Robertson
Live streamer: John Swaine

Next Week:
Liturgist: Val Macer
Greeters: Sharon Melius, Amy Maundrell
Live streamer: Chinomnso Awazie

This Week...

Sunday, April 28	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	New Member Class
	11:30 am	Interim Team
Tuesday, April 30	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 2	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, May 5	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	2nd Congregational Meeting
	7:00 pm	Orchard Park Chorale Concert

On Sunday evening, May 5, the Orchard Park Chorale will present "Poetry in Motion" at 7:00 pm. Each selection will feature music by leading composers set to texts by some of the leading poets from history. In between selections, local actress and UPC member Heather Casseri, will read the poetry as she introduces the selections. UPC Choir Director, Allan Andrews, is the Artistic Director of the Orchard Park Chorale. Tickets will be available at the door, but UPC members can sign in as members at the door and enter at no charge! Come and experience the magical melding of these two art forms, poetry and music, as the Orchard Park Chorale presents "Poetry in Motion!"



Re-Scheduled Opportunities

Tuesday, May 14th
Hearts for the Homeless of WNY Inc.
Food Pantry & Cafe
890 Tonawanda St., Buffalo 14207
 @ the corner of Riverside Ave. →
 Parking lot in between two of the buildings (870 and 890)
 Street parking on Tonawanda St., Riverside Ave., and Royal Ave.
 Contact Person: Kelsey Jeff (Chief of Staff & Executive Assistant)
 1(585)689-4771
 Arrival Time: 10:30 am – 10:45 am
 Maximum Number of Volunteers: 20 – 25



Saturday, May 18th
Jericho Road's VIVE Shelter
1500 Main St., Buffalo 14209
 (Former Bristol Home) →
 Parking in Rear / Side door entrance
 Arrival Time: 11:00 am
 *Number of Residents/Staff will be received a week prior
 Contact Person: Rachel Wood/Kitchen Manager (716) 940-7374
Activities:
 Bingo Game/Prizes / Arts & Crafts / Clean Dining Room
 Provide Lunch: Pizza & Wings for Residents/Staff
 *No picture taking



Contact Marietta Bratton if interested (716-913-7628)

Welcome Visitors

University Presbyterian Church (UPC), the members and officers, welcomes you today. Your presence strengthens our faith and our commitment as Christ's disciples.

University Presbyterian Church welcomes all who seek to follow the Way of Jesus—the way of compassion and justice—regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. UPC does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in celebrating the rites of marriage.

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Mission Statement of University Presbyterian Church

We are a hungry people who receive Christ, the Bread of Life, who sustains us on our journey. We strive to feed as we are fed, sharing the Bread to nourish others in body, mind and spirit.

“Let Us Be Bread”