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Sunday, March 3, 2024

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Gregory White, Organist
Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director

3rd Sunday in Lent, March 3, 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	Lamb of God, Pure and Holy <i>O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig</i>	Flor Peeters
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Welcome and Announcements

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

The law of the Lord revives the soul;
The word of God makes the simple wise.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,
your kingdom has broken into our troubled world
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.
Help us to hear your word and obey it,
that we may become instruments of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn #53	O God, Who Gives Us Life
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Confession & Pardon

The Invitation:

In the name of Christ, I urge you:
be reconciled to God.

The Prayer:

**God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

The Pardon:

Listen, the time has come at last.
Look, now is the day of salvation!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

Song of Praise #582 hymnal

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.....**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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:

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,
guide us, by your Word, through these forty days,
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,
so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 66 of the OT in pew Bible)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (p. 166 of the NT in pew Bible)

Gospel Lesson: John 2:13-22 (p. 93 of the NT in pew Bible)

We proclaim Christ crucified—
the wisdom and power of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem	Ave Verum Corpus	Amadeus Mozart
Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross of mortals, whose side was pierced, whence flowed water with blood: be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining. O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen.		

Sermon "Discerning God's Presence in an Upside Down World"

Hymn #225 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ"
I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

J. S. Bach

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 of Offering

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

In Christ Jesus, we have a great high priest
who knows our weakness and suffering;
therefore, with boldness, let us seek God's grace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, remember us
when you come into your kingdom.
Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For your church around the world,
we ask new life.
Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For all who carry out ministries in your church,
we ask grace and wisdom.
Your kingdom come, your will be done.

For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines,
we ask inspired discipleship.
Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For Christians in every land,
we ask new unity in your name.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For Jews, Muslims, and people of other faiths,
we ask your divine blessing.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For those who cannot believe,
we ask your faithful love.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For governors and rulers of every land,
we ask your guidance.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For people who suffer and sorrow,
we ask your healing peace.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

God of love,
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly in the way
where Christ leads us;
make our mouths speak the truth
that Christ teaches us;
fill our bodies with the life
that is Christ within us.
In his holy name we pray. **Amen.**

To you, O God, we entrust these prayers,
knowing that you alone can provide
grace to help in our time of need;
in the name of our great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior. **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Communion at University Presbyterian Church is open to all individuals of all ages. Worshippers may come down the center aisle and receive the bread or gluten-free option and the non-alcoholic grape juice. In the words of Charles Wesley "Anyone who loves the Lord is welcome at this table." Worshippers return to their seats via the side aisles.)

Invitation and Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
in this dry and weary land.

You set a table for us in the wilderness
and provide for all our needs.

Even when we complain against you,

you feed us with bread from heaven.
When we quarrel and question your grace,
you give us water from a stone.

How can we keep silent?
Even dry bones in the valley of death
stand to sing your praise:

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus,
our way in the wilderness,
our companion in the desert.
He knows our hunger and thirst;
he gives us the bread of life to eat
and living water to drink.

He leads us beside still water
and prepares this table for us,
even in the presence of our enemies.
The cup of blessing overflows!

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O God,
for here at your table you have transformed us
from individuals into the body of Christ.
Make us strong for your service
that we may be messengers
of your reconciling love for all people. **Amen.**

Hymn #450 Be Thou My Vision

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude St. Flavian Healey Willan
Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days

(The congregation is invited to remain seated during the Postlude)

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Participating in Worship:
The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty, Interim Pastor
Gregory White, Organist
Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director
Liturgist: Sue Beyer
Greeters: Kathy Hallborg, Sandy Robertson
Live streamer: Nick Casseri

Next Sunday:
Liturgist: Sarah Smith
Greeters: Sharon Melius, Anita Weir
Live streamer: Matt Smith

THIS WEEK...

Sunday, March 3	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Lenten study
Monday, March 4	7:30 pm	Zoom Deacons' Meeting
Tuesday, March 5	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, March 6	2:00 pm	Ukulele
Thursday, March 7	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, March 10	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Students & Friends Bible Study- Mary & Martha Room
	11:30 am	Stephen Ministry Training

Maundy Thursday: We will share a simple soup supper with our friends from Calvary Baptist Church before the Maundy Thursday service on March 28th at 6:00 pm. Please let Pat Cookfair-Casseri know if you are bringing soup. (716-440-9833)

Easter Breakfast is back! Breakfast will be from 9 am to 10:15 am. Bring your favorite Easter dish to share. Come and go as you need. There will be sign up sheets at both entrances to the sanctuary over the next couple of weeks.

Easter Flowers

Would you like to help beautify the sanctuary with flowers for Easter this year? We will be offering lilies and tulips. They are **\$ 10 per pot**. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office with payment by **March 17th**. In the Memo section of your check write Easter Flowers. Plants may be taken home after the Easter worship service.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Dedication: _____

of Lilies _____ # of Tulips _____

The Adult Bible Study, Sacred Encounters, continues on Monday mornings, 9:30-10:30 am, via Zoom. Remaining sessions are planned for: March 11, Lesson 5; March 18, Lesson 6; April 15, Lesson 7; April 22, Lesson 8.

Each session highlights a text from Luke-Acts. There are the ten lepers, Lesson 5; the crippled man, Lesson 6; good news for the eunuch, Lesson 7; good news for Lydia, Lesson 8. Each lesson helps us strengthen our own faith, following Jesus.

All are welcome! Please come with your Bible at hand and with pen or pencil to do some journaling. We begin with prayer, review the text and its setting, share our own responses to God's calling, and finish with meditation and prayer.

See you, via Zoom, on Mondays! The Zoom link will be posted to the congregation email list.

Welcome Visitors

University Presbyterian Church (UPC), its 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. Moreover, UPC does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in celebrating the rites of marriage.

University Presbyterian Church Officers and Staff

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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"