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Sunday, May 5, 2024

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

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

Hymn #265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
Duke Street

John Hatton

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.**

The Psalter: Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.
The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

Lord God, we sing to you a new song, for your victory is ever new. In the resurrection of Christ you have given us a glimpse of your future, and in your victory over death you have shown us how we shall overcome the last enemy. As the seas roar and the hills sing together, we too will praise you for your great triumph, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

The Lesson: Acts 10:44-48 (p. 130 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 Come Find Forgiveness and Love Don Besig

*Come to the table, Jesus is there.
Come to the banquet the Lord has prepared.
Bring all your troubles, each worry and care.
Come find forgiveness and love.
Jesus is near. Come find His presence surrounding you there.
Lay down your burdens, your sorrow and fear.
Come find forgiveness and love.
The bread has been broken the cup has been poured, and
now they are offered to you. The promise is spoken and hope is
restored.
You are redeemed. All is made new.
Come to the table, all who believe,
Come and remember, His grace makes you free.
Cherish this moment, this gift you receive.
Come find forgiveness and love.*

Sermon "New Occasions Teach New Responsibilities"

Hymn #317 In Christ There is No East or West
McKee African American Spiritual

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary Meditation Jules Massenet
From: Thais
Nadejda Nigrin, Violin
Gregory White, Organ

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

We offer our prayers through Christ,
who is risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns forever,
and prays for us in heaven.

Through Christ, we pray for the church . . .
Let us be people of joy, living witnesses
to the power of the resurrection
and the good news of your grace and peace.
Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for the earth. . .
From the dust of the damaged earth,
raise up your new creation,

full of beauty, wonder, and glory.
Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for all nations . . .
Let the message of your saving power
spread throughout the world:
that peace may replace the dominion of death.
Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for this community . . .
Let the doors of this church be open wide
as we reach out in love and service
and welcome those in search of a home.
Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for loved ones . . .
Give hope to those who wait for good news.
Turn their mourning into dancing,
and their sorrow into joy.
Living God, **hear our prayer.**

God of all power and glory, receive these prayers,
and continue your mighty work among us,
through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. **Amen.**

Draw near to the Lord, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures forever.
Let us pray to the Lord, our Savior.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

**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.**

EUCHARIST

The Invitation:

Christ our Lord is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

At your word the earth was made
and spun on its course among the planets.
Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth
and set us among all your creatures
to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you
you kept faith with us.

When we were slaves in Egypt,
you broke the bonds of our oppression,
brought us through the sea to freedom,
and made covenant to be our God.

By a pillar of fire
you led us through the desert
to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.

You spoke of love and justice in the prophets,
and in the Word made flesh you lived among us,
manifesting your glory.

He died that we might live,
and is risen to raise us to new life.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The Sanctus:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
whom you sent to save us.
He came with healing in his touch,
and was wounded for our sins.
He came with mercy in his voice,
and was mocked as one despised.
He came with peace in his heart,
and met with violence and death.
By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb,
and at his command the gates of hell were opened.
The one who was dead now lives.
The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation,
the Lamb upon the throne.
The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.
Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine
from the gifts you have given us,
and celebrate with joy
the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Memorial Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Nourished at this table, O God,
may we know Christ's redemptive love
and live a new life in him.
Give us who are fed at his hand,
grace to share our bread with the hungry
and with the hungry of heart.
Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion:

Living Christ, as you open the scriptures to us
you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.
Let us now go forth from this place,
fed at your table and filled by the Spirit,
to walk with you all the days of our lives,
and proclaim the glory of your resurrection
to all the world. **Amen.**

Hymn #346

For the Healing of the Nations

St. Thomas

John Francis Wade

Benediction

Postude

O Filii et Filae
O Sons and Daughters

Healy Willan

Chancel flowers are given by Bilquis Dass in loving
memory of her parents, Mr. Mrs. K. N. Khokhar

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Participating in Worship
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 Liturgist: Val Macer
 Greeters: Amy Maundrell, Sharon Melius
 Live streamer: Chinomnso Awazie

Next Sunday
 Liturgist: Molly Anthony
 Greeters: Scott Horton, Sandy Robertson
 Live streamer: Val Macer

This Week...

Sunday, May 5	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	2nd Congregational Meeting
	7:00 pm	Orchard Park Chorale Concert
Monday, May 6	7:30 pm	Zoom Deacons' Meeting
Tuesday, May 7	10:00 pm	Food Pantry Coordinating Committee meeting
	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 9	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	7:30 pm	Choir
Saturday, May 11	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
Sunday, May 12	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time

After service each Sunday, we enjoy each other's company in the Fellowship Room. There is always a basket in the table for donations to support this activity. Please remember to donate as you can so we can continue to provide refreshment. Thank you!

AN INVITATION FROM YOUR INTERIM TEAM Today Decides Tomorrow

I'm sure you've noticed too. Our parking lot is filled with cars Monday through Saturday, not just on Sundays. University Presbyterian Church is a busy building. Our church family is involved in many UPC activities in addition to worship on Sunday.

Our second of three congregational meetings is today. Immediately following our 10:30 worship please join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch, lists, and reflection.

How many UPC church groups can you name?...Programs?...Activities?

Can you name some outside groups who use our building?

What are UPC's strengths? What are UPC's weaknesses?

What opportunities are there inside the church or knocking on our door?

How do we build on our strengths for the future mission & ministry of the church?

What characteristics must our future pastor have to maintain our strengths and engage the community?

You are welcome as a longtime member, new member, student or "just started worshipping here" !

Duffield Camp and Retreat Center has openings for their summer camps.

Please consider sending your children and grandchildren and let your friends know about Camp Duffield.

- First Timers Science Camp (1st -2nd grade) July 14 - 17
- First Timers Music Camp (1st -2nd grade) July 21 - 24
- Science Camp (3rd-8th grade) July 14 - 20
- Music Camp (3rd-8th grade) July 21 - 27
- Night Owls (8th-12th grade) July 28 - August 3
- Impact 716 Camp (1st-8th grade) July 28 - August 3
- Challenge Camp for adults (over 18) with developmental disabilities July 7 - 13

Camp Duffield is located on 137 acres of forested land in Delevan, NY, just over the border between Erie County and Cattaraugus County, 45 minutes south of Buffalo. It has 7 groomed trails, 6 cabins sleeping 12 each, a pond for swimming, fishing or canoeing, and many traditional camp activities. There is a recreation area including a Gaga pit (ask your kids), a Nine Square in the Air ball game, climbing wall, playground, Frisbee golf, horseshoes, sand volleyball area, tether ball, and basketball hoop. The camp is ready and waiting for you. Just go to our website, www.campduffield.net for more information and to register.

2024 Member Directories are now available on the table in the Main Street vestibule.

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”

