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**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

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

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

Palm Sunday, March 24, 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                      Fanfare in D Major                      Charles W. Ore

Welcome and Announcements

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

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Lo, your king comes to you;

**triumphant and victorious is he,**

humble and riding on a donkey,

**on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Processional Hymn #196              All Glory, Laud and Honor

## **Prayer of the Day**

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

We praise you, O God,  
for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ,  
who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph  
and was proclaimed Messiah and king  
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.  
Let these branches be signs of his victory,  
and grant that we who carry them  
may follow him in the way of the cross,  
that, dying and rising with him,  
we may enter into your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Confession and 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 ignore 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.**

Kyrie: (see insert)

Kyrie translation:

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy

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:

Eternal God,  
whose word silences the shouts of the mighty:  
Quiet within us every voice but your own.  
Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ  
that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
we may receive grace to show Christ's love  
in lives given to your service. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11 (p. 197 of the NT in pew Bible)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:1-11 (p. 47 of the NT in pew Bible)

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem                      Hosanna, Loud Hosanna                      John Purifoy

Sermon      “The Terror of Life in a Universe Full of Good”

Hymn #160              A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

### **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

What shall we offer for all God’s goodness to us?

**Let us lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Voluntary              O Love How, How Broad, How High  
arr. David N. Johnson

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

**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 #198          Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

Benediction

Postlude                  Postlude in E-Flat Major          David N. Johnson

*(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

Chinomnso Awazie, Liturgist

Greeters: Vicki Moorhouse, Scott Horton

Live streamer: Val Macer

*Next Sunday:*

*Liturgist: Vicki Moorhouse*

*Greeters: Sharon Melius, Sandy Robertson, Val Macer*

*Live streamer: Chinomnso Awazie*

## THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, March 24	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 am      Choir 10:30 am      Worship 11:30 am      March Birthday Celebration
Tuesday, March 26	12:00 pm      Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 28	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 12:00 pm      Food Pantry Open 6:00 pm      Soup Supper 7:30 pm      Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, March 29	<i>Good Friday</i> 7:38 pm      Tenebrae
Sunday, March 24	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 9:00 am      Easter Breakfast 9:30 am      Choir 10:30 am      Worship

The Adult Bible Study, Sacred Encounters, continues on Monday mornings, 9:30-10:30 am, via Zoom. The two remaining sessions are planned for: April 15, Lesson 7; April 22, Lesson 8.

Each session highlights a text from Luke-Acts: 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 mediation and prayer.

The Zoom link will be posted to the congregation email list.

**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. Be sure to sign up over the next couple of weeks.

**March Birthdays:** We are celebrating March birthdays today after the worship service because next week is Easter Sunday. Join us in the Fellowship Room.

**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS):** The OGHS offering will take place on Easter Sunday.



### **Upcoming Trainings & Events:**

April 13	2:00 pm	Syracuse University Choir Concert
April 14	11:30 am	Liturgist Training
April 21	11:30 am	1st Congregational Meeting
April 28	11:30 am	New Member Class
May 4	TBA	UPC Spring Clean Up
May 5	11:30 am 7:00 pm	2nd Congregational Meeting Orchard Park Chorale Concert
May 19	11:30 am 3:00 pm	AED training Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus Concert
June 2	11:30 am	3rd Congregational Meeting



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**Good Friday Tenebrae**—Our worship service will begin at sundown, 7:30 pm.



**Worship with us Easter Sunday at 10:30 am.**



## **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.

### **University Presbyterian Church Officers and Staff**

The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty	Interim Pastor
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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”**

