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Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

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

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday, March 31, 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

Bells: The Day of Resurrection arr. Patricia Cota

Introit Entrada Festiva, Opus 93 Flor Peeteres
Brass, Organ & Choir

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

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

The power of life has overcome the power of death.

Alleluia!

The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear.

Alleluia!

The way of peace has prevailed against the violence of empire.

Alleluia!

The tomb is empty and hope is restored.

Let us worship the God of resurrection!

Prayer of the Day

Hymn #232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Confession and Pardon

The Invitation:

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness,
Interceding with sighs too deep for words.

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

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.**

Welcome and Announcements

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.**

O dry bones, the Lord is speaking.
Hear the word of the Lord.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (p. 177 of the NT in pew Bible)

Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18 (p. 114 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 Exultation for Easter Arnold B. Sherman
Brass, Organ & Choir

Sermon "When Mystery Engulfs Reason"

Affirmation of Faith

The Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers of every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn #246

Christ is Alive!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior 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 #248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Benediction

Postlude Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals
For Brass and Organ Sigfrid Karg-Elert

(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

Vicki Moorhouse, Liturgist

Greeters: Sharon Melius, Sandy Robertson, Val Macer

Live streamer: Chinomnso Awazie

Next Sunday:

Liturgist: Jude Hammer

Greeters: Amy Maundrell, Kathy Hallborg

Live streamer: Chinomnso Awazie

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, March 31	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	9:00 am	Easter Breakfast
	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
Monday, April 1	7:30 pm	Zoom Deacons' Meeting
Tuesday, April 2	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, April 3	2:00 pm	Ukulele
Thursday, April 4	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	7:30 pm	Choir
Saturday, April 6	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
Sunday, April 7	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service

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.



*The Spring Flowers that adorn our
Sanctuary today have been lovingly
given by...*

Grace Agbemenu wishing all a Happy Easter

*Allan Andrews & Paul Grucza in memory of their
parents: Adelle & Thaddeus Grucza and Lavern and
Orville Andrews*

*JoAnne & James Bartlett in memory of Martha
Botham*

Ellen Coniff in memory of loved ones

*Ginna Coon in memory of all her family & friends
that are not with us any more*

*Bilquis Rehanna Dass in memory of her sister-in-law,
NaSreen P. Nawab*

Lee Ann Grace in memory of Roberta Henderson

*Bob & Kathy Hallborg in memory of their mothers,
Dorothy Frantzen & Margaret Frisch*

Linda Krempa in honor of the Krempa family

*Barbara C. Lyons in memory of her son Mark and
parents, Miriam & Robert Chamberlain*

Val Macer in memory of Bill Rugg

Janet Mazzaroppi in memory of her sister, Kathleen

Connie & Ed Michael in memory of Julie Safulko & Lois Baker

Elizabeth Rodriguez in memory of her father

Pat Smyton in memory of her parents, Dr. & Mrs. Vincent P. Marino

Jim Smyton in memory of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. James A. Smyton

Elaine & John Swaine in memory of loved ones

Suzie Unger in memory of her mother and father

Grace Yockey in memory of Bill Yockey, Brenda Henson & Michelle LeFauve

Carol Timmerman Yorty & Tom Yorty in memory of loved ones



*Thank you to Corey Talford, Rick Fleming,
Christopher Bailey-Robinson and Chris Gorman
for sharing your gift of music with us this
morning*

The UPC Ministry in Community Committee invites you to join with our friends from Calvary Baptist Church in two service opportunities:



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

A photograph of the exterior of the Hearts for the Homeless of WNY Inc. building. The building is red with a black awning over the entrance. A sign above the entrance reads 'Hearts for the Homeless of WNY Inc. Harvest Food Pantry & Cafe'. There is a '6 cents' sign in the window.

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

A photograph of the exterior of Jericho Road's VIVE Shelter building. The building is a two-story structure with blue siding and white trim. It has a prominent bay window on the ground floor and a gabled roof with a dormer window.

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	2nd Congregational Meeting
	7:00 pm	Orchard Park Chorale Concert
May 19	11:30 am	AED training
	3:00 pm	Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus Concert
June 2	11:30 am	3rd Congregational Meeting

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

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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”