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Sunday, February 26, 2023

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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>

1st Sunday in Lent, February 26, 2023
Service for the Lord's Day
10:30 a. m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

(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.

Prelude "O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig" J. S. Bach
 O Lamb of God, Spotless

Welcome and Announcements

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

One: Beautiful are the works of God!

All: Beautiful also are the skins of God's people!

One: Beautiful is the mind of God!

All: Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!

One: Beautiful is the heart of God!

All: Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!

One: God made the heavens and the earth!

All: To God be the glory for the things God has done.

+* Hymn #384 *Soon and Very Soon*

Prayer of Confession **(in unison)**

Holy One, we are created in your image—made to reflect your likeness of love and goodness. Through Jesus Christ, we are united into one body. And yet, we confess that we have defaced your image in our relationships with one another. We confess that we have created barriers between one another,

rather than tearing them down. Forgive us, O God. May Jesus, the Great Reconciler, bring healing to us individually and collectively. Amen.

(There follows a moment of silent personal confession)

Assurance of God's Grace

One: The good news is that all of us who were far off, aliens and strangers to God because of our brokenness, have been brought near to the heart of God. We did not accomplish this ourselves, but through the gift of God's grace.

All: We rejoice that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and raised to new life.

+* Lenten Song of Praise **(in unison)** page 6 of bulletin
(The Latin words mean: 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. Worshippers may greet one another with a hand shake, fist bump, or steeped hands saying, "the peace of Christ be with you."

+*Sung response (sung to the tune of Hymn 822) **(In unison)**
**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 **(In unison)**

O God, from these holy words may we receive holy insight for the faithful living of our days. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Genesis 1:26-27 (p. 1 of the OT in pew Bible)

Second Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22 (p. 192 of the NT in pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Musical Proclamation Lord Make Me More Holy
African American Spiritual

Sermon “Sacred History”

*Hymn #656 *We’ve Come This Far By Faith* (sung twice)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Musical Offering “O Mensch, Bewein’ Dein’ Sunde Gross” J. S. Bach
O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall

Doxology (Hymn 606) **(In unison)**

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

Pastoral Prayer

.....(concluding with the Lord’s Prayer in unison)

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 #379 *We Shall Overcome*

*Benediction

Postlude “Christ lag in Todesbanden” J. S. Bach

In Death’s Strong Grasp the Savior Lay

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

*congregation may stand
+latecomers may be seated

Participating in Worship:
The Rev. Tracy S. Daub, Pastor
Gregory White, Organist
Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director
Vicki Moorhouse, Liturgist

Greeters: Sharon Melius, Tom Somerville, Amy Maundrell
Live streamer: David Bartley

Next Sunday:
Liturgist: James Smyton
Greeters: Scott Horton, Robert Hallborg, Kathryn Hallborg
Live streamer: Val Macer

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| Sunday, February 26 | 9:30 am | Choir |
| | 10:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hour |
| Tuesday, February 28 | 12:00 pm | Food Pantry Open |
| Thursday, March 2 | 12:00 pm | Food Pantry Open |
| | 7:30 pm | Choir |
| Saturday, March 4 | 10:00 am | Breakfast with Friends |
| Sunday, March 5 | 9:30 am | Choir |
| | 10:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hour |

Adult Education Zoom Class
Lenten Series
February 27— April 3
Mondays at 9:30 a.m.
“Meeting Jesus at the Table”

Tracy will lead a 6 week Adult Education class during the season of Lent using the book, *Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. You are welcome to purchase the book but it is not essential for joining the class.

Time and time again, Jesus met people at the table, made this ordinary act of eating and sharing a meal a sacred moment, and extended the table to include everyone. The class will explore the implications of Jesus’ table habits and expansive table welcome on our lives and our journey of faith.

What are you hungry for this Lenten season? Come join us as we seek nourishment for the journey!

The Zoom link is sent out each week.

Response to Turkey-Syria Earthquake

The death-toll of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria is nearly 40,000 and counting. Thousands of survivors are without basic resources of shelter, food, clothing, and medical care.

UPC invites our members to respond with their financial gifts to the relief efforts. All contributions will be channeled through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, which in turn sends the funds to long-established partners in the region. Contributions will be received today and next Sunday. Please put cash in an envelope marked EARTHQUAKE and make checks out to University Presbyterian Church with the word EARTHQUAKE in the memo line.

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.

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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”