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March 29, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty, Interim Pastor
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Services are live-streamed on YouTube at: <https://tinyurl.com/upcbuffalo>

Good Friday Tenebrae, March 29, 2024
7:38 p.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	Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ <i>I call to You Lord Jesus Christ</i>	J.S. Bach
Welcome and Announcements		Dr. Yorty
Call to Worship: <i>(please stand, if able)</i>		James Smyton

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross
so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

Blessed is the name of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed
and to be given over to the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death on the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn #223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

John McClester

Holy One, our strength in suffering
and our hope for salvation,
lift up your Word of life
and pour out your Spirit of grace
so that we may follow faithfully
all the way to the cross;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Passion Narrative from Mark's Gospel

Mark 14:32-65 (p. 52 of the NT in pew Bible)

Interludes de Procession

Rene Vierne

Pour L'Hymne Pange Lingua

Organist Notre-Dames des Champs

I. Pange lingua gloriosa

Mark 14:66-15:15 (p. 53 of the NT in pew Bible)

Sarah Smith

II. Coporis mysterium

Mark 15:16-41(p. 53 of the NT in pew Bible)

III. Sangui nisque pretiosi, quem in mundi pretium

Sermon

"When Violence Overtakes Itself"

Hymn #218

Ah, Holy Jesus

The Solemn Intercession:

Beloved people of God,
as Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross
to offer life and salvation to all,
let us pray for the world that God loves so much.

Almighty and eternal God,
you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.
By your Holy Spirit, guide the church
and gather it throughout the world.
Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for this presbytery and congregation.

Almighty and eternal God,
your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.
Strengthen and uphold pastors and other leaders;
keep them in health and safety for the good of the church.
Help each of us to faithfully do
the work to which you have called us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those new to the faith.

Almighty and eternal God,
you continue to bless the church with new members.
Increase the faith and understanding
of those who are finding new purpose in your call to service.
Give them new birth as your children.
Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church
Keep us united in the fellowship of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for people of other faiths.

Almighty and eternal God,
gather into your embrace
all those who call out to you under different names.
Bring an end to interreligious strife,
and make us more faithful in our witness
to the love made known to us in your Son and the peace all
of the great faith traditions call forth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who cannot believe.

Almighty and eternal God,
you created humanity so that all might long to know you

and find peace in you.

Grant that all may recognize signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of people of faith everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

Almighty and eternal God,
you are the creator of a magnificent universe.
Hold this world in the arms of your care,
heal the damage we have done, may we have the moral and political will to prevent further damage and preserve your creation and bring all things to fulfillment in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the leaders and people of all nations.

Almighty and eternal God,
you are the champion of the poor and the oppressed.
In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We pray especially for an end to the fighting in Ukraine and Gaza.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer or are in need.

Almighty and eternal God,
you give strength to the weary
and new courage to those who have lost heart.
Hear our prayers for peace, healing and justice for all who call on you in any trouble that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We pray for all who have lost loved ones, for those who are homeless because of war, and for the sick, the hungry, and those who are oppressed by systemic racism, bias and bigotry. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray: **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 #220 Go to Dark Gethsemane

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross:

This is the cross
that held the Savior of the world.
Come, let us kneel before it.

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O my people, O my church,
what more could I have done for you?
Answer me!

I led you out of slavery into freedom,
and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,
but you have made a cross for your Savior.
**Holy God,
have mercy upon us.**

The First Shadow

Forty years I led you through the desert,
feeding you with manna on the way;
I saved you from the time of trial
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have made a cross for your Savior.
**Holy God,
have mercy upon us.**

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire,
but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;
I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,
but you have made a cross for your Savior.
Holy God,

have mercy upon us.

The Third Shadow

I planted you as my fairest vineyard,
but you brought forth bitter fruit;
I made you branches of the vine
and never left your side,
but you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
have mercy upon us.**

The Fourth Shadow

I poured out saving water from the rock,
but you gave me vinegar to drink;
I poured out my life
and gave you the new covenant in my blood,
but you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
have mercy upon us.**

The Fifth Shadow

I spoke my word to you:
The promise of my love for all;
But you silence my prophets,
Refusing to hear my voice;
And you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
have mercy upon us.**

The Sixth Shadow

I gave you a royal scepter,
but you gave me a crown of thorns;
I gave you the kingdom
and crowned you with eternal life,
but you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
have mercy upon us.**

The Seventh Shadow

I struck down your enemies,

but you struck my head with a reed;
I gave you my peace,
but you draw the sword in my name,
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
have mercy upon us.**

The Eighth Shadow

I opened the waters
to lead you to the promised land,
but you opened my side with a spear;
I washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
have mercy upon us.**

The Ninth Shadow

I lifted you up to the heights,
but you lifted me high on the cross;
I raised you from death
and prepared for you the tree of life,
but you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
have mercy upon us.**

The Tenth Shadow

I grafted you into my people Israel,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
have mercy upon us.**

The Eleventh Shadow

I was hungry and you gave me no food,
thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
have mercy upon us.**

The Twelfth Shadow

I poured out my life
and gave you the new covenant in my blood,
but you have made a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
have mercy upon us.**

The Darkness

Solo: Wondrous Love American Folk Hymn
 Rebecca Kroetsch, soloist

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord of bliss!
To send this precious peace to my soul. While I was sinking down, beneath God's
righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

Draping the Chancel

All depart in silence

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Participating in Worship:
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Gregory White, Organist
Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director
Liturgists: John McClester, Sarah Smith, James Smyton
Greeters: Sandy Robertson, Dennis Erickson
Live streamer: Val Macer

Come for Easter Breakfast at 9:00 am
Join us in worship Easter Sunday at 10:30 am.

*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 white sign that reads "Hearts for the Homeless Food Pantry & Cafe". There is a "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 blue with white trim and a large bay 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 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

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.