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Sunday, March 10, 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>

4th Sunday in Lent, March 10, 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 A Gothic Suite Gordon Young
1. Matins, II. Gargoyles, III. Vespers

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Lord of life is lifted up!
Let us look to Christ and live.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
in order that the children of earth
might discern good from evil
you sent your Son to be the light of the world.
As Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in all truth and goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, 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: (p. 11 of bulletin)

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:

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,
guide us, by your Word, through these forty days,
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,
so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;
they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;**

**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Night Hawk"

Hymn #209 My Song Is Love Unknown

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary O Lamb of God Most Holy arr. Gerald Near
O Lamb Gottes

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 #754 Help Us Accept Each Other

Benediction

Postlude A Gothic Suite Gordon Young
Buttresses (O God Our Help)

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

Participating in Worship:

The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty, Interim Pastor

Gregory White, Organist

Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director

Sarah Smith, Liturgist

Greeters: Sharon Melius, Anita Weir

Live streamer: Matt Smith

Next Sunday:

Liturgist: Matt Smith

Greeters: Amy Maundrell, Kathryn Hallborg

Live streamer: Chinomnso Awazie

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THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, March 10	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	UPC Students & Friends Bible Study
	11:30 am	Stephen Ministry Training
Monday, March 11	9:30 am	Zoom Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Zoom Racial Justice Meeting
Tuesday, March 12	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 14	10:00 am	Personnel Meeting
	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	7:30 pm	Buffalo State Choir Concert
Sunday, March 17	<i>Deadline for Easter flower orders</i>	
	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. Remaining sessions are planned for: March 18, Lesson 6; April 15, Lesson 7; April 22, Lesson 8.

Each session highlights a text from Luke-Acts. There are the ten lepers, Lesson 5; the crippled man, Lesson 6; 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 meditation 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.

The Network deadline for April article submissions is March 20th.

Easter Flowers

Would you like to help beautify the sanctuary with flowers for Easter this year? We will be offering lilies and tulips. They are **\$ 10 per pot**. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office with payment by **March 17th** (next Sunday). In the memo section of your check write Easter Flowers. Plants may be taken home after the Easter worship service.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Dedication: _____

of Lilies _____ # of Tulips _____

Upcoming Trainings & Events:

April 13	2:00 pm	Syracuse University Choir Concert
April 14	11:30 am 11:30 am	Liturgist Training 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 3	11:30 am	3rd Congregational Meeting



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 7:30 pm.

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.

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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”