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Sunday, March 17, 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>

5th Sunday in Lent, March 17, 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 In the Love of Christ Dom Paul Benoit
Ubi Caritas et Amour Deus Ibi Est

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

We are God's people; the Lord is our God.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, our redeemer,
in our weakness we have failed
to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope.
Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow your commands
and proclaim your reign of love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn #393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p. 735 of the OT in pew Bible)

Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33 (p. 106 of the NT in pew Bible)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Anthem He Was Despised Karl H. Graun

Sermon "Habits of the Heart"

Hymn #171 A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary

Priere
Prayer

Ambroise Thomas

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 #753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Benediction

Postlude

Christ lag in Tedesbanden
Christ Lay in Death's Bonds

J. S. Bach

(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

Matt Smith, Liturgist

Greeters: Amy Maundrell, Kathryn Hallborg

Live streamer: Chinomnso Awazie

Next Sunday:

Liturgist: Chinomnso Awazie

Greeters: Vicki Moorhouse, Scott Horton

Live streamer: Val Macer

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, March 17	<i>Deadline for Easter Flowers</i> 9:30 am Choir 10:30 am Worship
Monday, March 18	9:30 am Zoom Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, March 19	12:00 pm Food Pantry Open 2:30 pm Community Committee 7:00 pm Property
Wednesday, March 20	<i>Deadline for Network articles</i> 2:00 pm Ukulele 7:00 pm Session
Thursday, March 21	12:00 pm Food Pantry Open 7:30 pm Choir
Sunday, March 24	<i>Palm Sunday</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: Tomorrow, 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 mediation and prayer.

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS): The collection will take place on Easter Sunday. OGHS envelopes will be inserted into Palm Sunday's bulletin.

Easter Flowers

Would you like to help beautify the sanctuary with flowers for Easter this year? This is your last chance to order lilies or tulips!

They are **\$ 10 per pot**. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office with payment **today**. 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	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



**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”