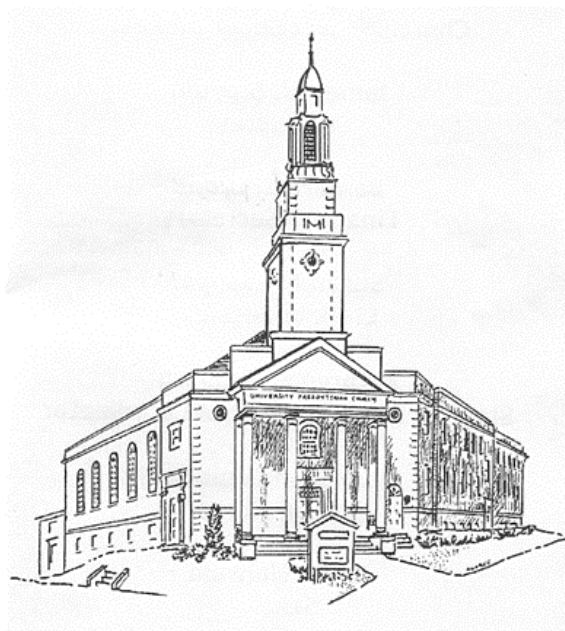


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Sunday, March 19, 2023

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

4th Sunday in Lent, March 19, 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 "Adagio" S. Barber
From: New World Symphony

Welcome and Announcements

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

One: We give praise and thanks to our God;

All: Who delivers us from futility and from darkened understanding;

One: Who is our hope in hard times;

All: Whose grace saves us and whose love transforms us.

One: Come, let us worship the God of life-giving, saving love.

+* Hymn #456 *Listen, God Is Calling*

Prayer of Confession **(read responsively)**

One: In Jesus Christ, God offers us abundant life. Yet, we do not always receive this life. When we hold fast to resentments—

All: O God, grant us new life in you.

One: When we seek security through growing our bank accounts—

All: O God, grant us new life in you.

One: When we judge others before looking to ourselves—

All: O God, grant us new life in you.

One: When we settle for the conventional life rather than the transformed life in Christ—

All: O God, grant us new life in you.

One: Heal us, O God, and forgive us that we might set our feet upon your saving way. 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: *Kyrie* **(in unison)** bulletin insert
(The Latin words mean: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord

*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)**

Holy One, may your Spirit open us to the saving gifts of your love through these words of Scripture. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Micah 6:1-8 (p. 866 of the OT in pew Bible)

Second Scripture Lesson: Luke 19:1-10 (p. 82 of the NT in pew Bible)
One: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Musical Proclamation "Ave Verum Corpus" W. A. Mozart

Sermon "Grace's Momentum"

*Hymn #695 *Change My Heart, O God* (sung twice)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Musical Offering "Lamento" A. Guilmant

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 #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

*Benediction

Postlude "Caprice" L. -N. Clerambault
(*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
Dennis Erickson, Liturgist

Greeters: Amy Maundrell, Sandy Robertson, Tom Somerville
Live streamer: Val Macer

Next Sunday:
Liturgist: Vicki Moorhouse
Greeters: Val Macer, Scott Horton
Live streamer: David Bartley

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Sunday, March 19	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday, March 20	9:30 am	Zoom Adult Ed
Tuesday, March 21	10:30 am	Youth Support Team Mtg.
	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 23	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, March 26	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour

**Joint Maundy Thursday Service
and Soup Supper
with Calvary Baptist Church
April 6 at 7 p.m.
at University Presbyterian**

This year, UPC is hosting a special joint service on Thursday of Holy Week (April 6) with our friends from Calvary Baptist. The traditional Tenebrae service will include the participation of UPC and Calvary members in a joint choir, the reading of the Passion narrative, the celebration of Holy Communion, and the extinguishing of candles.

The service will be preceded by a light Soup Supper in the Fellowship Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

A strong attendance from UPC would be a wonderful way to welcome our guests! Come break bread with our brothers and sisters from Calvary Baptist and join in this special Holy Week service in remembrance of Christ's great love!

Member Directories

The 2023 Member Directories are now available in the narthex and the church office. Pick up your copy today.

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 26th**. 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 _____

Spring Outing to Buffalo Historical Society

What better way to welcome spring than with an outing on April 2, to the Buffalo Historical Society on Nottingham Terrace. Besides all the usual exhibits, they have a special show called "Say Their Names, Honor Their Legacies...Stories, Wisdom and Insights of the Black Community. It features the elders in the black community and their accomplishments and their leadership actions through the years in WNY.

The congregation is invited to a small lunch immediately after the 10:30 church service and then we'll go to the museum for a group tour for those interested, or you can walk the exhibit by yourselves. Please sign up for the outing on the bulletin board in the narthex or phone Peg at the office to RSVP. Contact Amy Erickson for more details. (716) 480-4591, home (716) 876-6874. There are is a special entrance fee at the door of \$10, or pay what you can afford.

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”