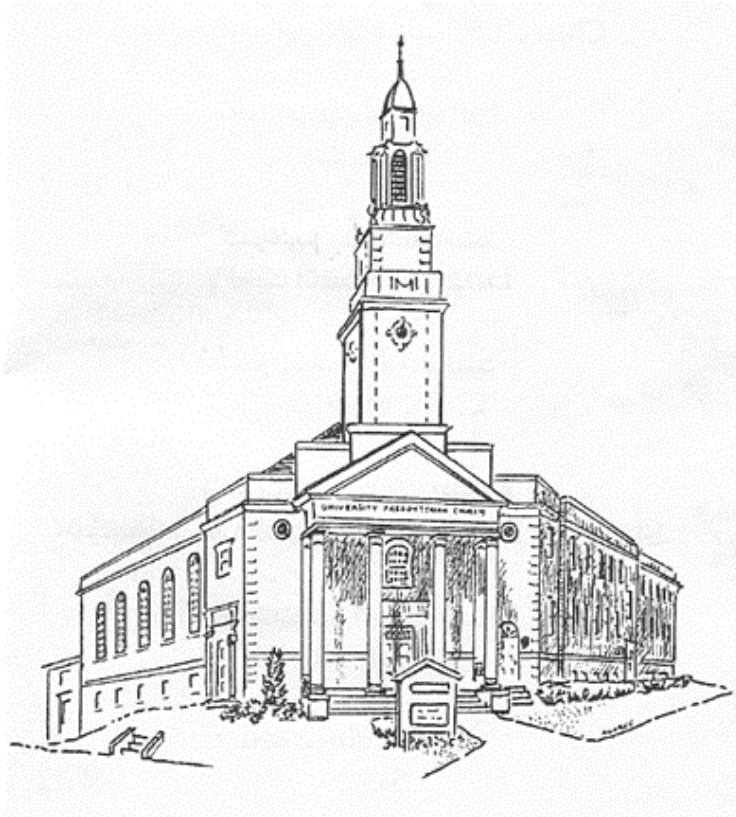


University Presbyterian Church



Sunday, April 26, 2026

10:30 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026
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. Also, please do not bring any food or beverage, other than water, in the sanctuary. 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.

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Berceuse
Tune

Louise Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship[†] (Acts 2:42-47)

Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

*Prayer of the Day[†] (John 10:1-10)

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

*Hymn #11

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud
Aberystwyth

Joseph Parry

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession† (Ps. 23: 1,3)

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

Prayer of Confession† (1 Pet. 2:19-25)

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen. (Time for Silent Prayer) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon†

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us have peace. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*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.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary

Pastorale

Louise Vierne

*Doxology

**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

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 # 697

Take My Life
Hendon

H.A. César Malan

*Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in D BuxWX 139

Dietrich Buxtehude

Thank you, Rev. Dorothy, for leading us in worship this morning.

The Chancel Flowers are given by Connie Michael

*Please stand or rise in spirit as you are able and feel so led.

† Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion

One License #: A-723910

Worship Leadership:

The Rev. Dorothy Pearman

Rebecca Kroetsch, Choir Director

Gregory White, Organist

, Liturgist

Grace Agbemenu, Kathryn Hallborg & Amy Maundrell, Greeters

, Live streamer

Amy Erickson, Sunday School Lead

, Sunday School Assistant

Next Week:

Jim Smyton, Liturgist

Amy Maundrell & Sharon Melius, Greeters

Val Macer, Live streamer

Barbara Kraemer, Communion Servers

Amy Erickson, Sunday School Lead

, *Sunday School Assistant*

This Week...

Sunday, April 26

9:00 am Choir
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Fellowship & Cake
11:45 am Adult Ed.

Tuesday, April 28

12:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Thursday, April 30

12:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Saturday, May 2

10:00 am Breakfast with Friends

Sunday, May 3

9:00 am Choir
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Fellowship Time

University Presbyterian Church's Vision Statement

Let us be **BREAD:**

Beaming Christ's love to our neighbors and beyond

Resounding praise of God in worship with music while caring for one another and growing our faith

Enriching our neighborhood through creative use of our building

Acting with energy to foster a growing, vibrant, and welcoming church family

Developing diversity by engaging and welcoming all of God's beloved people

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