

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST

February 25, 2024

PRELUDE: “*Sonata 3 à 2 Clav. et Pedal, BWV 527, II. Adagio e dolce*” by J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: We will learn more of how we should respond to Jesus’ authority.

INTROIT: (11:00) “Lord Be Glorified” (Hymn #537)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Creator God, you call us to love and serve you

People: With body, mind, and spirit

Leader: Through loving your creation

People: And our sisters and brothers.

Leader: Open our hearts in compassion

People: And receive these petitions

ALL: On behalf of the needs of the church and the world. Amen

*HYMN: #95 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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***OPENING PRAYER: Lord of the Sabbath, you lift the burdens from our shoulders. You entrust your treasure to our clay. Sabbath in us a rest -- joyful as tambourines, nourishing as bread, and available to all people, so that withered bodies and spirits can be restored. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.**

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI: #807

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 92:1-5 (page 590) {A.B. page 664}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “In This Hour” by Heather Sorenson (words on insert)
The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 2:23-28 (page 992) {A.B. page 1097}

Sermon

“Power Over the Sabbath”

(Mark 3:1–6)

Pastor Mark Slomski

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: #260 “All Authority and Power”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*Chant de la Creuse from L'Organiste*” by César Franck

*DOXOLOGY: #809

*HYMN: #745 “Jesus Shall Reign”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*Prelude in D Minor*” by Johann Ludwig Krebs

** indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

Our prayers and sympathy are with Linda Griepsma, whose sister, Helen “Chip” Griepsma, passed away on February 20th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Edwin Gregory (friend of Royal Purdy), Tom Fortunato (Bill’s brother), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), Kiana Rae Moore (MacKenzie Brown’s cousin), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman’s mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), David Crowe, Jack Schermond

Cancer: Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh’s sister), Rich Crowley (friend of Steve & Beth Smythe), Tom & Monica Yurik (friends of Bruce & Deb Gardner), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (friend of Eveleigh family), Jim Davis (Scott’s father), Jackie Crego (Stan & Evey Wright’s daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber)

Recovering: Bill Blance (Ed’s brother), Gabbi Seeber, Kerry Van Iseghem, Joan Danaher, Sara Scharr, Sara Henderson, Arlene Willett, Patti Cagwin, Shirley Kem, Mary Jane Laird
Comfort and Peace: Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon’s mother)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) deployed to South Korea, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN) returned from deployment, E6 Cody Wells (USN) deployed to Japan, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment

MISSIONARIES: Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim & Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

Some more upcoming dates you might want to put on your calendar (watch the Monthly Memo or future Lamplighters for details!):

- March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 – CA High School Musical (Footloose)
- March 3 – Finger Lakes Community Band (at Fort Hill PAC)
- March 16 – Church Family Bowling Night (at Roseland)
- March 16 – Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Conference (in Buffalo)
- March 17 – Kateri’s Organ Recital dress rehearsal (open to all)
- March 22 – Organ Concert
- Aug 16-18 – United Church Retreat Weekend
- Nov 2 – United Church Seminar



Highlights for This Week!

- **Adult Education Sunday School - today** - Our groups will be combining for the remainder of the program year to provide Christian education and engage in caring conversation on the topic of human sexuality and LGBTQ+ matters. Our corporate prayer group will continue to meet, and will include prayers for our larger group conversation.
- As previously announced, Virginia Holroyd is retiring from the position of Director of Care (Visitation Director). If you are interested in being considered for this position, a job description sheet is available in the office. Please send a **letter of interest and resume** by **March 1st** to **SRC@UCCDGA.org** or drop them off at the church office.
- **All church bowling night - Saturday, March 16**, from **5-8 pm** in the VIP room at **Roseland Bowl**. Come enjoy pizza, fellowship, cake, and, of course, bowling with your church family! **Sign up** for this event is **required** as space is limited.

ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY? If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to check out our Welcome Table found in our Welcome Center, and to pick up a blue bag for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate or mail in. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

Children’s Time ~ There is Children’s Time today. After the children’s sermon, children in **Kindergarten through 2nd grade** are invited upstairs to Room 26 for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

Nursery care is offered during both services and during the Sunday school hour for those too young to attend Sunday school so that parents may attend adult classes or help in children’s classes. **8:45 am nursery** ~ a combined nursery meets in room 10. **9:45 am Sunday school nursery** ~ meets in room 11, the preschool nursery. **11:00 am nurseries** ~ both the Infant/Toddler Nursery (Room 10) and the Preschool Nursery (Room 11) are available.

February diaper collection for CareNet ~ CareNet Canandaigua, a Christian organization, provides encouragement and counseling before and after a baby is born. Needed are diapers (especially size 4,5,6) and sensitive wipes. Place your contribution next to the food cart in the Welcome Center.



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**SAVE THE DATE(S)!**

Stay tuned for more details about these events in the coming months...

1) **August 16-18** -The United Church Retreat weekend! This weekend will include separate events for youth, young adults, and adults. It will also incorporate time for children and families to enjoy. We are excited to facilitate our Sunday worship service at Onanda Park on Sunday, August 18!

2) **November 2** - The United Church Seminar! Our guest speaker will be Dr. Richard Middleton, Old Testament scholar and Northeastern Seminary professor.

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Notes & Doodles:

In This Hour (Anthem)

There’s a place I go to rest.
Once again, I’ve failed the test.
Gentle arms that right my path,
Show Your love instead of wrath.

(Chorus)
In this hour, this precious hour,
I have met Redemption’s power.
In this place, this holy space,
I have seen amazing grace.

Blistered soul begins to heal,
Cease to hide that which is real.
Walls I build dissolve away
In this hour when I pray. **(to chorus)**

Then gentle words between us flow.
Yours start easy, mine start slow;
But patiently You listen close
To every burden I disclose. **(to chorus)**

You help me with the words I can’t yet say.
And when I can’t quite reach You,
You meet me on the way.
And if my heart is silent, You still stay
In this hour, when I pray.

In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief.

And so You wait to meet me there,
In this special place of prayer;
Savor every moment shared,
And linger in this hour of prayer. **(to chorus)**