

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
April 21, 2024

PRELUDE: *“Adagio” by Padre Giovanni Battista Martini*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day: True Love is the Natural Outflow of the Spirit of God

INTROIT: (11:00) “He Is Lord” (Hymn #97)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: What a joy it is to welcome you this day!

People: We are grateful and happy to be here.

Leader: Christ, the Good Shepherd, invites you to walk with him.

People: We accept that invitation, confident in his guidance.

Leader: Be ready to serve the Lord in all that you do, for his love has been poured upon you.

All: Open our hearts and spirits this day, Lord, to receive your holy words and to be challenged in our service to you. AMEN.

***HYMN: “Living Hope” (see insert)** CCLI Song #7106807, ©2017 Phil Wickham Music, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and be stirred into serving your people. 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: John 10:11-18 (page 1062) {A.B. page 1180}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “The Gift of Love” arr. Hal H. Hopson The United Church Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “Love In Action” Sunday School Kids
(words on back of bulletin)

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23 (page 544) {A.B. page 618}

Sermon
“Love Is Action”
(1 John 3:16-24)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #569 “Living for Jesus a Life That Is True”**
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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *“Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ” by Samuel Scheidt*

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #21 “How Great Thou Art”** CCLI Song #14181, ©1953 Stuart Hine Trust, CCLI Lic. #11593017

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Fanfare” by Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens*

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

Highlights for This Week!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Judy (friend of Sue Ann Clemens), Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Hiram Bailey, Phyllis Gerhard (Karen Gardner's mother), Carly and Jenson Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Maryanne Fox (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Doug Cubbison (Connie Frye's brother), 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: Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd's friend), Amy Jelensperber (Sheppard family), Dylan Smith (CA senior, friend of many), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), 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), 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) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) deployed to Japan, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

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)

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

April 27 – Testimony Saturday

April 28 – Summer Mission Experience meeting

May 5 – Exploring Membership Class

June 2 – Church Picnic

June 9 – Grad Sunday

June 29 – Red Wings Game

Aug 16-18 – United Church Retreat Weekend

Nov 2 – United Church Seminar

- **Wednesday, April 24th**, is our last Youth Club of the school year. In order to allow all our regular Youth Club volunteers enjoy our meal and closing program, **we need some volunteers** to help in the kitchen with serving and clean up. You will be asked to prep lemonade, salad, and pizza; serve our big crowd dinner and dessert, and clean up afterwards. You will also be able to eat some pizza! 😊 Help is needed from **5pm until about 7:15pm**. Please **sign up on Deb's door** if you are willing and able to help out.
- **April 27 - 10:00 AM - Testimony Saturday!** Come and hear our very own Julie Stave share her testimony. Can you help with food? Please see the sign up on the bulletin board (located down the hall, across from the nursery).
- **April 28 - 12:00 PM - United Church's Summer Mission Experience Meeting** - In lieu of a GROUP Workcamp trip this year, we are coordinating our own missions experience this summer! Join us to make our own experience to meet needs in our very own community! We will also have flexibility on dates and times, which will help our families work around their busy summer schedules.
- An **Exploring Membership class** will be held after the 11am service on May 5th. This class provides a chance for anyone interested to learn more about our church family and our core beliefs. Lunch will be provided; childcare can be provided if needed-please let Deb or Carolyn know if you need childcare. You can register by using the link or QR code below, on our church center app, or by contacting a staff member.  
<https://bit.ly/uccdgaEM>
- **ATTENTION PARENTS!** Do you have a graduate in the house? **Do you have a high school graduate??** What do they plan to do after high school? **Do you have a college graduate??** Where are they graduating from? What degree did they earn? What are their future plans? We would love to celebrate these milestones with you and your adult children. So, please let Deb Marshall know what your children are up to! **We need this info by May 9th.** Thank you!
- The **April** monthly memo is available on the **TV cart** for anyone who would like to take one home. It contains **church wide events** and **news** for the month. The May monthly memo will be available beginning May 5.



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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!**

MISSIONS ~ Faith and Action

“We have one goal: building a world where there is enough for all.”
Church World Service (CWS) is thirty-seven denominations working together sharing this goal since 1946. Both of our denominations have been members from the beginning. **“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:** If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.” Ecclesiastes 4:9–12



School kits we assemble make a difference. April 30th the kits assembled by the United Church will be transferred to a CWS truck in Rochester. **(In the Welcome Center next Sunday look for additional cartons of kits assembled by other area congregations.)** In CWS’s New Windson, Maryland’s warehouse the kits are packaged for distribution to a refugee camp or other disaster site. Working together we make a difference.

CWS’ vision is a world where everyone has food, voice and a safe place to call home. The CWS family stretches around the world and across the lines that divide us working as a single force for good. Joining with others we do make a difference.

Church World Service provides Blankets, Hygiene Kits, School Kits and Emergency Cleanup Buckets to qualifying 501(c)(3) agencies as needs arise. Assistance will be granted according to the following criteria:

- Proof of 501(c)(3) status for the agency itself or the agency assuming responsibility for materials. Have documentation ready at the time of submission.
- The need for CWS Blankets and/or Kits is the result of an emergency situation within the local community or a continuing unmet need.

Compassion is at the heart of CWS Kits, and because of dedicated volunteers and donors, each kit is filled with hope, packed with love and shared with our neighbors in need at just the right time.

Family Promise ~ Twice a year the United Church supports Family Promise with their mission to help homeless families by collecting grocery store gift cards. Family Promise houses these families in their emergency shelter apartments but relies on congregations to help supplement the families' SNAP benefits. Walmart, Aldi and Tops gift cards are most appreciated in \$25 and \$50 denominations and can be left at the office or put in the offering plate. Thank you for your support of these families in need!

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. **8:45am nursery** ~ a combined nursery meets in room 10. **9:45am Sunday school nursery** ~ meets in room 11, the preschool nursery. **11:00am nurseries** ~ both the Infant/Toddler Nursery (Room 10) and the Preschool Nursery (Room 11) are available.

It’s that time of year again ~ we have received **Summer Camp brochures!** Please take time to pray about and consider sending your child to Christian camp this summer. This experience can have a positive impact on your child’s faith development! *Our church family believes that the Christian camp experience is so important that for any child from our church, we will pay half the tuition for one week at Christian camp ~ called a “campership.”* This is **NOT** a need based scholarship. It is available to all families who attend Sunday mornings, Youth Club, and/or Cause programs. Campership requests are being received now until June 2. **We encourage you to register for camp soon – camps tend to fill up quickly and you may be able to take advantage of early bird discounts!!** Please look for the camp display in the gathering area. Any questions, please contact Deb Marshall.

Here are our campers so far...
Beaver Camp
Elise Cunningham, July 7-12 (Bears)
Amelia Cunningham, August 4-9 (Teen Camp)
Anna Zajac, August 4-9 (Teen Camp)

LeTourneau Christian Center
Jackson Callard, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
Juliana Callard, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
Aria Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
Mason Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
Liam Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
Graham Beyrle, Aug 12-15 (Wacky Water 2)

NTS Camp at Houghton College
Walter Marshall, July 7-11

Love In Action (Sunday School Kids song)

Verse 1

Take my words take my words
Speak through me show Your love to the world

Verse 2

Take my hands take my hands
Work through me show Your love to the world

Chorus 1

I wanna show Your love in action
I wanna be Your hands and Your feet
Love in action I can be just like You

Verse 3

Take my feet take my feet
Walk with me show Your love to the world

Bridge

Ev'ry choice I make I wanna be choosing love
I wanna be choosing love
Ev'ry choice I make I wanna be choosing love
I wanna be choosing

Chorus 2

Love in action
I wanna be Your hands and Your feet
Love in action I can be just like You
I wanna show Your love in action
I wanna be Your hands and Your feet
Love in action I can be just like You

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I can be just like You