

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST

March 10, 2024

PRELUDE: *“Siciliano from Concerto in D minor, Op. 3 No. 11” by Antonio Vivaldi arr. by J. S. Bach*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: We are called to “not fear, but believe” as we trust in Jesus’ Lordship over all the difficulties of life.

INTROIT: (11:00) “His Name is Wonderful” (Hymn #87)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, rejoice and sing! God’s love is showered over you this day.

People: We gather to praise God and celebrate God’s presence with us.

Leader: God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.

People: Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.

Leader: Praise be to God who has called us here.

All: Thanks be to God for His eternal love. AMEN.

***HYMN: #517 “The Solid Rock”** CCLI Song #25417, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Powerful God, from the very beginning you blessed creation. You have loved and shielded your people through all joys and trials of life. We come to you this day, rejoicing in the many blessings you have given to us. We open our hearts again to hear your word for us and to gather strength and joy for service in your world. Be with us and bless us again, we pray. 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 107:1-3, 17-22 (page 600) {A.B. page 674}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” Dave Babcock

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You” by Jay Althouse (words on insert)
The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 2:1-10 (page 1156) {A.B. page 1296}

Sermon
“Power Over Death”
(Mark 5:21–43)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “Talitha Kim” by Joseph Martin (words on insert)
Youth Choir

***HYMN: #530 “Be Still My Soul”** CCLI Song #96910, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *“Cantique” by Alexandre Boëly*

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #661 “Be Strong”** CCLI Song #52105, ©1979 Hope Publishing Co., CCLI Lic. #11593017

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Symphonie No. 3, Op. 28: V. Final” by Louis Vierne*

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

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of Lyell Galbraith, who passed away on March 3. Lyell’s family will celebrate his life and legacy at the Green Front Restaurant on Saturday, April 20, from 1-4 pm. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Maryanne Fox (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Nora Murphy (newborn friend of DiCicco family), 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: 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), 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) 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)

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

- March 17 – Kateri's Organ Recital dress rehearsal (open to all)
- March 22 – Organ Concert
- April 7 – Virginia's Retirement Celebration
- 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



Highlights for This Week!

- WORKCAMP SHAREHOLDER FUNDRAISER - For the next few weeks**, our workcampers will be conducting the **annual shareholder fundraising initiative**. Be on the lookout for students who may ask you to support them during their mission trip in Newark, NY!
- Next Sunday, March 17, is Camp Day**. Representatives will be here from Beaver Camp and LeTourneau to talk to kids and parents about the many opportunities they offer for summer Christian camp. And don't forget, we offer "camperships"! A campership pays for half the cost of a week of summer Christian camp. We offer a campership to every child who regularly attends Sunday school, Youth Club, or The Cause.
- Check this out!** Beaver Camp is hosting an **Eclipse Event** on April 7-9, 2024. Our own **Paul Johnson** is the devotional speaker for this event! More info and registration here:
<https://beavercamp.org/camps-and-retreats/eclipse-event-at-beaver-camp>
- Registration is open for Scuba VBS: "Diving into Friendship with God."** VBS will be held **July 8-12**, from **9 am-12 noon**. We will have an optional kick-off on Sunday, July 7 at 6:30pm. Children, ages **4 years old** through those who **completed 5th grade**, are welcome to **participate!** We would love to have your children (and their friends!!) join us for this faith-filled week! Use the QR code on the Monthly memo or this link to register:
<https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2176309>

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.

MISSIONS

Faith and Action

One Great

HOUR

OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing began seventy-five years ago in response to the devastation of World War II.

“There are thousands of children in foreign lands today who have no memory of their parents, no knowledge of the meaning of the words "home" and "family," and who have forgotten what it feels like to have enough to eat. There are hopeless thousands who wander among the shattered towns seeking a place to rest, seeking security and a chance to begin their lives anew. There are many who pray to God only in secret, fearing persecution if they profess their beliefs openly. It is hard for us to comprehend grief and distress such as this because we in America are so much more fortunate. Our country has been blessed with material riches. Our homes are secure. We can go to our churches and worship God as we desire. We know that we enjoy these great blessings not because of any special merit on our part, but because of the bounty of God. It is to His Providence that we owe the richness of our country and our heritage of freedom. Since these good things come to us from Him, we know that we must use them for the good of others in accordance with His will.”

On Saturday evening, March 26, 1949, a national broadcast titled “One Great Hour” featured a remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities. Our 33rd U.S. President, Harry S. Truman’s, radio address during the broadcast concluded by asking Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. **This month the United Church is receiving the 2024 One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.** Use an envelope in the pew rack or write “One Great Hour of Sharing” on the memo line of your check (alternate is electronic web site giving) to share in this special offering.

A big **“THANK YOU United Church”** has been received from CareNet Canandaigua for February’s generous 554 diapers and 23 packages of baby wipes.



Next Sunday, March 17, is the deadline for turning in **Easter Lily order forms!** There are stacks of order forms in the Welcome Center, and there was also a form in your March Lamplighter.



Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You (choir’s anthem) by Jay Althouse

Lord, I stretch my hands to You, No other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?
Oh Lord, I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love.
No other blessings do I need but those from you above.

Lord, I ask you; give me faith, and help me understand.
And Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.
(to Chorus)

Amen.

Talitha Kum (youth choir)

A little girl laid on her bed (Talitha Kum! Oh, Talitha Kum!)
The people thought that she was dead (Talitha Kum! Oh, Talitha Kum!)
You could hear her parents weep (Talitha Kum! Oh, Talitha Kum!)
Jesus said “she’s just asleep”. (Talitha Kum! Oh, Talitha Kum!)
Jesus took her by the hand
And then He spoke out this command.
“Lift your heads and wipe your eyes
And watch your little girl arise”.
Jesus said “let no one know”
But soon His fame began to grow.
He traveled on from town to town
The people came from miles around.
When Jesus healed the deaf and blind,
He touched the heart and healed the mind.
The lame and crippled came to Him
And this is what he said to them.
“Talitha Kum! Talitha Kum! Everyone arise
“Talitha Kum! Talitha Kum! Open up your eyes!
“Talitha Kum! Talitha Kum! All the people sing!
“Talitha Kum! Talitha Kum! Jesus is the King
Jesus is the King, Jesus is the King