

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
March 3, 2024

PRELUDE: *“Prélude sur une Antienne by Jean Langlais*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: We are challenged to trust Jesus’ power and authority in the tumultuous circumstances of our lives.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

People: What have we to fear?

Leader: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

People: Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

All: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. AMEN.

***HYMN: #594 “Like a River Glorious”** CCLI Song #33935, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Lord, we have come this day, seeking your presence and healing love. Be with us as we hear the words of hope. Give us courage to learn and grow that we might serve you faithfully all of our days. We pray this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray (by singing)...

***HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 29 (page 547) {A.B. page 621}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Walking ‘Cross the Sea” by Pepper Choplin (words on insert)
The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:8-13 (page 719) {A.B. page 797}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” **Dave Babcock**

Sermon
“Power Over Nature”
(Mark 4:35–41)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #526 “Trusting Jesus”** CCLI Song #22537, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “O Cor Jesu”

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

COMMUNION

***HYMN: #519 “It Is Well With My Soul”** CCLI Song #25376, Public Domain, 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.*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: 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) home 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 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!

- **Monthly Memo - March** - This month's edition is now printed and ready to take home! These memo's provide a snapshot of happenings in the church... grab one in the Welcome Center today!
- **Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference** - March 16 in Buffalo - We invite all men to sign up (sign up sheet in the hallway) and attend this event! We bring a group every year, and this year's events details can be found at the following link: <https://camphickoryhill.org/isi-buffalo/>
- **All church bowling night - Saturday, March 16**, from **5-8pm** 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** and we ask that those who are able defer the cost of the event by paying \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Scholarships are available to those who need them. To sign up, you can use the QR code on the monthly memo or this link: <https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2158680> Need help signing up? Please see a church staff member. The **deadline to sign up** is **March 6**.
- **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>

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 no Children's Time today. Worship Bags are available for children at the two front entrances. These bags contain various items to engage children throughout the worship service. Parents, please see the green sheet for instructions. Please return the bag and reusable contents when you're done. The children can take their papers home with them. We hope you enjoy worshiping together as a family!

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.

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.

MISSIONS

Faith and Action



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.**

Walking ‘Cross the Sea (anthem)

I saw Jesus walking ‘cross the sea
O, I saw Jesus walking ‘cross the sea.
I said, “Help me walk on the water, that’s where I want to be.”
He said, “Go where your faith will take you,
Now come on out to me.”
He said, “Come on out to me.”

So I stepped out on the water, but I wasn’t sinking down,
I stepped out on the water, but I wasn’t sinking down,
But the winds, the waves, the waters were stirring all around.
I said, “Help me Lord I’m sinking, surely I will drown, surely drown.”

Then I felt Jesus, He was holding onto my hand.
Then I felt Jesus, He was holding onto my hand.
He said, “O what little faith you have, you poor and doubtful man.
Rise up, put your faith in me and surely you will stand, now rise and stand.”

I held onto Jesus, we were walking ‘cross the sea.
O, I held onto Jesus, we were walking ‘cross the sea.
And when I stepped back in the boat I fell upon my knees.
I said, “Surely You’re the Son of God, surely You’re the Son of God.
You are the Son of God, have mercy, have mercy on me.

Jesus still is calling, “Come and walk with me.”
Now, Jesus still is calling, “Come and walk with me.
Where ever faith will take you, I promise I will be.
Where ever you are walking, even when you’re sinking,
Go where faith will take you, Rise up and walk with Me.
Rise up and walk with me!”

By Pepper Choplin, c. 2007 Lorenz Publishing