

**THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
March 26, 2023**

PRELUDER: *Improvisation on Were You There*
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: Raising of Lazarus. Trust God's timing...His purposes are bigger than ours.

INTROIT: "Open Our Eyes"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Lazarus, though dead, was called to life by Jesus.

People: May we be called to the light of righteousness.

Leader: As others witnessed this resurrection, they believed in Jesus.

People: May we, who have heard, believe in the power of Jesus to conquer our fears and doubts.

Leader: Praise be to God who has given us Jesus.

All: Praise be to Jesus who has given us life. AMEN.

*HYMN: #520 “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. 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

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Resurrection Power”

The United Church Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 130 (page 614) {A.B. page 689}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Near the Cross”

Joy Van Riper (piano)

(11:00) “I’m So Blessed”

Sunday School Singers

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:6-11 (page 1118) {A.B. page 1246}

**Sermon
“Raised”
Pastor Wade Allen**

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: “In His Time” (on center of insert)

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Andante” by Carl Rossi

*DOXOLOGY: #809

*HYMN: #561 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Trio Sonata No. 2, I. Vivace" by J. S. Bach

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of Al Johnson, a longtime member who passed away on March 20th at the age of 96. Please keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Cindy Davies, Joe Laursen (Tim's nephew), Karl (Rob Stackhouse's relative), Mary Jane Laird, Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Karen Roaix, David Sanford, Kathy Mills, Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Matthew Gullace

Cancer: Sasha (friend of Megan French), Justin Ecklund (friend of James and Sarah Henderson), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), Tom Wager (friend of Mark Slomski), Dawn Miller, Mary J. Havens (Mary Lou's step-daughter), David Pagoda (friend of Eveleigh family), Keith Laursen (Tim's brother), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Jackie Crego (Stan and Evey Wright's daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber), Jon Santmyer (friend of Malecs), Darryl Kramer (friend of DiCiccos)

Recovering: Jan Gullace, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

Comfort and Peace: Fred Thorpe (June Pettit's brother)

MILITARY SERVICE: Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown's cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) deployed overseas, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment

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

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

Highlights for This Week! (look inside for details)

- It's School Teacher Appreciation Sunday. A big thank you to all our current and retired school teachers! Join us for a cookie and punch reception in the Fellowship Room after the 11am service.
 - UC moms will meet on Monday, March 27 from 9:30-11 in the Fellowship room. All moms are invited; childcare is provided for those who need it.
 - The orders for Easter lilies are due today.
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We welcome your help to serve as **Greeters for the Sunday Services**. Greeters welcome people as they enter the church building and they hand out Bulletins at the Sanctuary entrances. Greeters also pass the Offering Plates during the Offertory. Reminders are emailed with instructions and location assignments.

The Greeter ministry is a wonderful way to show that we are a hospitable church and that we welcome all who want to worship the Lord with our congregation. **The April sign up sheet is on the Office door.** If you have any questions, please ask any Steward or call the Office. Thanks so much for serving in this way on any Sunday that you're available.

The **Easter Lily** order form was included in the March Lamplighter and extra forms are in the This bulletin. **ORDERS are DUE TODAY!** COST: \$12/plant.

Make checks payable to: The United Church Board of Stewards, and write "Lily" in the memo section. Please put your form and payment in the Offering Plate or in the Office.



You may order your plant in memory of loved ones or in honor of special people in your lives. The lilies will adorn our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday and you may take your plant(s) home right after the Easter Services. *Thanks so much for your orders!*

The Stewards Assistance Fund: This Fund assists those in our congregation who are facing temporary financial challenges. If you are struggling, please call the Office at (585) 394-0503 to speak with Virginia Holroyd, or email her at virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org

Children's Time ~ Due to School Teacher Appreciation Sunday, 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!

Church family Bowling Night!!

For those who are pre-registered. This Friday, March 31, 6-8pm at Roseland Bowl in Canandaigua in the VIP room. We will have a fun-filled evening of bowling, pizza, soda, cake, and fellowship!! Contact Deb Marshall with any questions.



Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast invites you!

Men of all ages are invited to join us at 7:00 am Wednesday morning in the Fellowship Room for a hot breakfast, prayer and Bible study.



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!**

Nursery care is available during both Sunday services and the Sunday school hour. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. Room 10 is used during the 8:45am service and Room 11 is used during Sunday school and the 11am service. If your child is not potty trained, please *take a pager* in case your child needs a diaper change. Thank you! Any questions? Please see Jason and Melissa Long or Deb Marshall.

Consider making **Maundy Thursday** a part of your Holy Week plans and come and hear the disciples tell their story. (Thursday, April 6th at 7:00)



The Sanctuary will be open for prayer on Good Friday (April 7th) from 9am-1 pm



A member has brought in a large number of **hearing aid batteries**, free for anyone that can use them. They are Kodak size 10, 13, and 312 (all are past the expiration date but likely have some good life left.) Help yourself in the Welcome Center.

Sunday happenings...

TODAY –

Sunday, March 26, 2023 –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

School Teacher Appreciation Reception in Fellowship Room

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

Sunday, April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am – *Children's Palm Parade at the beginning of the service*

UC Moms! ~ UC Moms is a group of mothers with kids of all ages that meet together to pray, fellowship, study God's word, and encourage and support one another. Our next meeting will be in the fellowship room on Monday, March 27, from 9:30-11. **Childcare is provided;** however, this group is for ALL moms. Our group includes moms of college kids, moms of babies, and moms of "in-between" kids! We look forward to seeing you! You may join us as your schedule allows. Feel free to bring a friend! Questions? Please see Deb Marshall.

ADULT EDUCATION

BOOK OF PSALMS

From **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall** – Join us for a new series on the Book of Psalms! This is an 8-week series that will walk us through major themes of these Scriptures!



PARENTING COFFEE HOUR

From **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Fellowship Room** - This week, we will be discussing our childrens' spiritual development.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WEEKLY CONNECT

Saturdays, from **11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**, at **the church**, join us for food, fellowship, and Bible Study! We are currently studying the book of Job.



YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

From **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Bell Tower Room** – Join us for food, fellowship, and study! We are beginning a series on biblically-based leadership.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THE CAUSE

Sundays, from **5:00 PM – 7:30 PM**, at **the church**, High School students are welcome to join other youth for worship, faith discussions, food, and fun! This week, we will be reflecting on the question: **Where do I belong?**

WORKCAMP SHAREHOLDER FUNDRAISER

During the month of March, our workcampers are conducting the **annual shareholder fundraising initiative**. Be on the lookout for students who may ask you to support them during their trip to Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

YOUTH CLUB

Our Wednesday afterschool ministry

For children in grades 2 – 8

After school – 6:30 October through April

Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time

Thank you to parents who are signed up to help out with snack and kitchen clean-up! We couldn't do it without your help!
Parent Duties:

Kitchen Clean Up – Wednesdays, 6pm til done

March 29 – Vasello, _____, _____

April 5 – No Youth Club – Easter Break

Snack for 50 hungry children – at the church by 2pm Wednesdays

March 29 – Munson

April 5 – No Youth Club – Easter Break

Family Time Themes:

March 29 – Easter Night

April 5 – No Youth Club – Easter Break

Needed to borrow ~ Do you have a **golf putter** we can borrow for the Youth Club carnival on **April 26**? Kids will be using it to hit a golf ball into a hole on a practice putting green. Let Deb Marshall know if you have one we can borrow. Thank you!



1st graders can visit Youth Club!

Attention parents of first graders – your child can visit Youth Club on Wednesday, April 12th! This gives your child a chance to see what Youth Club is all about, and maybe have a better idea whether they'd like to join us in October. More detailed information has been sent directly to parents of first graders.



VBS registration is open! Blast off with us at Stellar VBS this summer!! Join us on a cosmic adventure where kids will learn how to shine Jesus' light everywhere they go! Register by using the QR code below or the link sent to parents via email.

Our VBS will be held **July 10-14, 9am-12noon**; kids ages 4-years-old through those entering 6th grade can attend....kids entering 7th grade and up can be volunteer helpers. We are **2/3 full** so register soon! Questions? Contact Deb Marshall at deb_marshall@uccdga.org



Rice Bowls

Our Children's Lent Offering, Rice Bowl coin banks, were distributed in Sunday School and are due back on Easter Sunday (April 9th). Monies collected are used to provide 100% of the meals for children in 54 faith based children's homes in 8 countries. **This is a great way for our kids to help other kids in need.** For more information, please see www.ricebowls.org.

Thank you for sharing what God has given you!

*...Let us not Love with Words or Tongue
but with Actions & in Truth...
– 1 John 3:18*



MISSIONS

On Easter Sunday we will be collecting our annual special Easter Offering for the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. This is a tangible expression of love as we walk with communities in times of crisis. Every day we hear of disasters, poverty and hunger in many places in our country and around the world. Your giving to our Easter offering will share faith, hope and love all around the world. Please give generously as we share the love of God with those who are suffering.



Diapers needed for CareNet During the month of March, we are collecting diapers, sizes 4, 5, and 6 for Care Net. You may leave your diaper donations in the collection bin in the Welcome Center. Thank you for supporting babies and moms (and dads) in need!

Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. (**CCIA has specifically requested: diced tomatoes, pork & beans, canned fruit, canned meat meals (like stew or beefaroni) and pasta.**) Thank you for your generous contributions.





During the month of March you will find lists of items needed to fill **School Kits for Church World Service**, along with a box to leave your donated items, in the Gathering Area. It is important to remember that only those items listed can be used. Cash donations are welcome to support the \$2.00 per kit shipping/handling fee and to purchase items

We've received a generous donation of totebags to put the supplies in, so we don't Thank you for helping children who want to

"We Love because He first loved us"



dozens of the need any more bags. learn.

Called to Care, Canandaigua is approaching the end of the first year for this volunteer organization doing the work of welcome and resettlement of refugees here in the Canandaigua community. We have accomplished much because you have supported us through prayer, actions and financial and other donations. We are hearing the requests now from Syrians to reunite with their family here in Canandaigua because they have been displaced by the earthquake and the Haitian couple, who recently arrived, has relatives and friends in Haiti who would like to live lives filled with hope just as they are. And World Relief has families who have been in refugee camps for years. We know we may not find ways to open our hearts and community for all of these but we can help some. With this upon our hearts we are inviting you to consider joining us as we form additional Good Neighbor Teams...those caring groups of 6-10 individuals who will partner with World Relief to welcome and walk alongside a newly arrived refugee family. Our committees also will be looking for additional volunteers. And we are hoping to find additional sponsors for families from Haiti. You may speak with Cathy Bush or Linda Werts for more information.

~~~~~ALSO~~~~~

Summer Housing Need: Called to Care Canandaigua (Refugee Resettlement) is looking for a furnished rental for mid-May through August for a family of 3 - Ukrainian young mom, dad and 2year old. They are renting from a snowbird, thus the need for a place to live elsewhere this summer. This is not one of the Called to Care Canandaigua families, but they are a family we care about and are related to one of the families.

Not an easy solution, so we are bringing this before you for your prayers and for your ideas and connections. Please contact Linda Werts or Cathy Bush if you can help.

In His Time (2nd hymn)

Verse 1

In His time in His time
He makes all things beautiful
In His time
Lord please show me ev'ry day
As You're teaching me Your way
That You do just what You say
In Your time

Verse 2

In Your time in Your time
You make all things beautiful
In Your time
Lord my life to You I bring
May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing
In Your time

For adults that still love puzzles ... (Solution from last week was TRYPHOSA)

Can you solve the puzzle this week? It is pretty tricky! Read all of the instructions!

1. Join horizontally, vertically, and diagonally adjacent pairs of numbers that appear next to each other in the circle.

Work out the missing numbers using the fact that only the letters shown below can be hidden in the puzzle, and each is three numbers wide and tall.

2. Arrange the revealed letters to spell a name from the Bible.

Each letter can be the right way up, upside down, or on its side.

All possible letter shapes are shown below. Some are the same when rotated!

7	5	0	9	7	3	7	0	7	0
5	0	2	0	9	0	6	9	1	5
9	5	9	5	2	7	9	2	9	8
0	8	-	-	0	7	0	3	7	0
-	-	0	8	-	5	1	9	6	2
-	-	-	-	5	1	9	6	2	3
-	-	-	-	2	3	7	3	0	1
1	7	5	2	0	4	6	0	6	7
7	6	9	1	8	5	7	2	7	6
3	7	0	2	0	4	0	3	6	4
7	0	9	5	1	2	9	1	3	8
0	9	5	0	5	0	2	8	4	3

For more visit www.begridded.com

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Easter Lily Order Form 2023



PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

I would like to order _____ Lilies at **\$12.00** each.

They are given in memory or honor (**circle one**) of:

1. Honor / Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

2. Honor / Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

3. Honor / Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

4. Honor / Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Place this in the offering plate WITH your check made payable to

“THE UNITED CHURCH BOARD OF STEWARDS”. List in the memo section: “EASTER LILY”. You may also mail it
or bring to the church office.

ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN Sun. March 26.

Please pick up your lily after church on Easter Sunday. Thank you!