

*Second Sunday
of Lent*

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10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

***INTROIT**

Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

(#401, stanza 1)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from *Joel 2:1, 12-16*

One: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a feast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people.

All: Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged and the young, men and women, all who rejoice and all who grieve.

One: "Even now," says the Holy One, "return to me with weeping and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your garments."

All: We will return to the Holy One, our God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***HYMN**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

#216

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let us pray.

All: We gather, O God, during this Lenten season, at the foot of Jesus' cross. We come to contemplate the meaning of his suffering and death. We come to ponder our own lives and our willingness to follow Jesus.

The world calls to us in so many ways. It tells us that our worth depends upon our self-sufficiency, or our accomplishments, or even the degree to which we are willing to trust in You. Yet none of these bring us lasting peace. Forgive us for trying to find our own way and failing to live as Jesus taught us. Have mercy on us and reclaim us as yours. *Amen.*

All:

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

#575

One: God does have mercy on us and forgives us. God strengthens us and reclaims us. We are blessed, not because of what we do, but because of who we are—sons and daughters redeemed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

You are invited to share the blessing of Christ's peace with those near you by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

***HYMN**

Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, Never to part.

(#702, stanza 1)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading
Gospel Reading

Beverly Underdale
Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24
Luke 4:1-15

SERMON

Wilderness Tests

Rev. Charlotte Frantz

***HYMN**

Lord, When I Came into this Life

#691

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND RULING ELDERS

RESPONSIVE READING

One: There are different gifts,

All: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

One: There are different ways of serving God,

All: But it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through different people in different ways,

All: But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.

One: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

All: To use it for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ,

All: And individually members of him.

QUESTIONS TO THOSE BEING INSTALLED OR ORDAINED

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

LAYING ON OF HANDS

ORDINATION PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trust us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION

RECEPTION OF JOE HARNETT INTO MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME

RE-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.

The third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated on the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. *Amen.*

COVENANT WITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANTHEM

When the Saints Go Marching In

Arranged by Michael Helman Handbell Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Christy Willmore

Prayer cards may be sent to the front with youth and children who come forward.

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing
Jan Letsos

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

**For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own,
Here we offer, Lord, our praises,
Heart and mind and strength we bring,
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing. (#717)**

***PRAYER**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: O God, giver of all, bless these gifts and offerings that they may be used to do your work of caring for the poor, housing the homeless, feeding those who are hungry, granting dignity where there has been shame, and comforting those in distress. Bless both those who give and those who receive, for all gifts ultimately come from you. Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER

***CLOSING HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision* #450

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

Children are welcome to use the nursery or the area in back of the sanctuary during worship. Your assistance in cleaning up and putting away toys and activities is greatly appreciated.

SCRIPTURE READING*Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24*

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

GOSPEL READING*Luke 4:1-15*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING THIS WEEK

Personnel Mtg Thurs., March 21 at 4:30 pm

Session Meeting Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flower Order Forms will be inserted in the Sunday bulletins for the next few weeks, located on a table in the narthex or may be found in the March UPBeat Newsletter. Forms may be handed into the church office or mailed to the church office. The order deadline is April 7, 2019.

COMMUNITY DINNER

UPC will be hosting a Community Dinner this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. This meal is free and open to the public. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

UPC will be having **Lenten Soup Suppers** during the season of Lent on Wednesday evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a brief Worship Gathering in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. followed by **Holy Conversations** beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be special activities for Youth.

DURING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Today during worship service we welcome Joe Hartnett as a new member here at United Presbyterian.

New Deacons to be ordained for the Class of 2021:

Joe Hartnett and Fran Brice

Deacons to be installed to a new term for the Class of 2021:

Jane Wester and Susan Litehiser

Session Elders to be installed for the Class of 2021:

Roger Anderson, Mary Peterson, JoAnn Rush & Mary Voss

YOUTH GRADES 6-12

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a series called "I AM". We will gather at about 6:30 p.m. following the soup dinner (5:30 p.m.) and opening worship (6:15 p.m.)

YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN

Youth grades 6-12, our annual youth lock-in is this Saturday, March 23 beginning at noon. Contact Christy at 218-590-8294 or christywillmore@gmail.com to register.

ITEMS NEEDED

As part of the Youth Lock-In on March 23, we will be assembling and delivering Hygiene Kits to Ruth House in Superior. We are requesting donations of NEW items as follows:

Travel size shampoo/Conditioner Soap or Body wash

Wool socks Hand wipes Combs Toothbrush

Toothpaste Lifesavers Sugar free gum

Lip balm Deodorant Tissues Backpack

Items may be placed in the "Hygiene Kit Donations" box in the narthex. Thank you!

FISH FRY

Boy Scout Troop 221 will be having a Fish Fry every Friday here at UPC beginning on March 22nd through April 19th. The Friday Fish Fries will be from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$10, for children (ages 4-11) \$7, and children 3 and under are free.

BLUE SHIRT SUNDAY

If you have a PDA blue T-shirt, wear it on Sunday, March 31 when we dedicate One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

SUGGESTION BOX

The Session is making its list of hopes and possibilities for the coming year. Look for the suggestion box, write up your idea, hope or dream for United. How can we better reach out to the community? What do we need to become a stronger, more inclusive community of faith? Are there needs in the community, in our life as a congregation, or in our facility that we should attend to? Are there issues we ought to be learning about or discussing so that our faith and witness grow stronger? Please include some contact information (name, phone number or email address) so we can be back in touch to hear more about your suggestion.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 3/17 *St. Patrick's Day*
9:00 a.m. Choir & Handbell Rehearsals
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Happy Birthday – Joel H.
10:00 a.m. Worship Melanie J.
4:00 Community Dinner
6:00 p.m. Scout 221 Meeting
6:00 p.m. UPC Volleyball

MONDAY 3/18
5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Mtg Happy Birthday – Dianne W.

TUESDAY 3/19
Happy Birthday – Mary P.


WEDNESDAY 3/20 *First Day of Spring*
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Caregivers Workshop – Senior Connections
5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
6:15 p.m. Worship Gathering
6:30 p.m. Holy Conversations/Youth Conversations
Happy Birthday – Skye P.

THURSDAY 3/21
4:30 p.m. Personnel Meeting
5:30 p.m. Session Meeting

FRIDAY 3/22
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 221 Fish Fry

SATURDAY 3/23
12:00 p.m. Youth Lock-in with Pioneer Parish Youth

WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

PASTOR	Reverend Charlotte Frantz
DEACONS OF THE MONTH	Ethel Bartholomew & Kathy Nelson