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February 24, 2019

10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

***INTROIT**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

(#288)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come, some of us, with sorrow and pain,

All: We come, some of us, with emptiness and anger,

One: We come, some of us, with loneliness and guilt,

All: We come, all of us, for healing and for hope,

One: We come, all of us, for comfort and for care,

**All: We come, all of us, for community and
encouragement.**

One: We come to hear again to be renewed by God's Spirit.

***HYMN**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

#435

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God invites us to come as we are—with our broken hearts, our high blood pressure, our quiet resentments, and with all that hinders us from truly loving God and our neighbor. Let us pray for healing and forgiveness.

All: We confess to you, O God, that even though we desire to live peaceably with our neighbors, to be a friend to our colleagues and co-workers, to deeply love our families, we are often less than our best selves. Little things get on our nerves. Big things throw us for a loop. We hold on to anger and resentments longer than we need to. We find forgiveness hard work. Take us as we are. Forgive us. Heal us. Cleanse us. Fill us with your spirit of love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

***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."

***RESPONSE**

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our
sorrow.**

(#795, refrain)

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 37: 1-11

(from The Living Bible)

One: Never envy the wicked!

All: They will fade away like grass and disappear.

One: Trust in the Lord instead.

**All: Be kind and good to others; then you will live safely
in the land and prosper.**

One: Be delighted with the Lord who will give you your heart's desires.

**All: Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust the
Lord to help you.**

One: The Lord will vindicate you with the blazing light of justice shining down as from the noonday sun.

All: Wait patiently for the Lord to act.

One: Turn off your anger. Don't fret and worry—it only leads to harm.

All: The wicked shall be destroyed, but those who trust the Lord shall be given every blessing.

One: Only a little while and the wicked shall disappear.

All: All who humble themselves before the Lord shall be given every blessing and shall have peace.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Christy Willmore

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jackie Ranco

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Directed by Jane Wester

SERMON *Love's Threshing Floor* Rev. Charlotte Frantz

***HYMN** *Healer of our Every Ill* #795

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. *Amen.***

***OFFERING PRAYER**

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** *There is Now a New Creation* #774

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Genesis 45:3-11, 15*

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

GOSPEL READING*Luke 6:27-38*

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 2/24

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. UPC Volleyball

MONDAY 2/25

5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

TUESDAY 2/26

1:00 p.m. UPBeat Deadline

4:30 – 9:00 p.m. Youth Soccer League

WEDNESDAY 2/27

Memorial Service for Paul Williams

Visitation 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Service 2:00 p.m.

A coffee reception will follow the service.

THURSDAY 2/28

10:30 p.m. Quilting Group

FRIDAY 3/1 *World Day of Prayer*

UPBeat Mailing Day

SATURDAY 3/2

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME BACK

This Sunday we welcome Pastor Charlotte Frantz back to the pulpit. We would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to Bob and Sue Goodin for filling the pulpit during her absence.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service held here at United Presbyterian for **Paul Williams** on **Wednesday, February 27**. Visitation will be from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. The memorial service will begin at 2:00 p.m. A coffee reception will follow the service.

NEWSLETTER


The deadline for the March 2019 UPBeat Newsletter will be on Tuesday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m. Please have all submissions for the newsletter into the church office by that day. The newsletter will be mailed out on Friday, March 1.

MEETING THIS WEEK

Quilting Group Thursday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, March 2 at 8:30 a.m.

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

Kathy Lehman &
Bonnie Gronquist