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January 20, 2019

10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

**PRELUDE** Alex Sandor

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

One: This is the day the Lord has made! **All:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

\*INTROIT Hosanna! Chimes Handbell Choir
Arranged by Lynne Hollander Jane Wester, Director

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we are lonely, feeling forsaken, there is One who knows how we feel.

All: Our God, who gathers us up, pulling us close to the heart of love.

One: When we despair, wondering at our worth and purpose, there is One who fills our lives with goodness.

All: Our God, who transforms our lives.

\*HYMN Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #12

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

With different gifts, with a variety of talents, with an array of interests, we come to worship you, our creating God. We are here to unite our spirits, to be made one with Jesus Christ, to be merged in hope. Bless our gifts.

May the unique gifts and perceptions of each strengthen our oneness. Send us out filled with the Spirit of the living Christ. *Amen*.

## \*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 I've Got Peace Like a River #623

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us confess our shadowed lives, so the light of God's mercy might illumine us.

All: If we are to have any hope, Transforming God, we must face the reality of our lives, putting a name to our failings. You hand us a bouquet of gifts, but we let them wither by not placing them in your living water.

You call us to speak out for those who live in the corners and cupboards of our world. Our fear and doubt silences our tongues. We listen to those who tell us that to trust you is a sign of weakness. We ignore your invitation to hope in you always. You will not rest until we are one with you. Forgive us and touch us with your mercy.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: This is the good news. You are God's delight, God's joy, God's beloved. Accept the forgiveness God offers.

**ANTHEM** We Shall Overcome Chancel Choir

#### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jackie Ranco

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

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Reading Second Reading Eric Schlacks *Isaiah 62: 1-6* 

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

**SERMON** *Simple Gifts – or Maybe Not* Rev. Bob Goodin

\*HYMN Simple Gifts Insert

**OFFERING** 

MOMENT FOR MISSION

**OFFERTORY** 

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God all you heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, sometimes, we believe the gifts we offer do not matter. But when they are combined with all the other gifts – of healing, of hope, of compassion, of your heart – they can become rivers of grace and justice flowing through the lives of everyone around us. We offer our gifts to you in this hope, as we pray in Jesus' name. *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 We Are One in the Spirit #300

\*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. **FIRST READING** 

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn. and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate: but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her. and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest.

Isaiah 62: 1-6

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefor I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

# **United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**

# **SUNDAY 1/20**

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. Community Dinner

6:00 p.m. Scout Meeting Happy Birthday – Claire Matthias

6:00 p.m. UPC Volleyball

**MONDAY 1/21** 

Martin Luther King Day

5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Den Meeting

7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting - Scouts

Happy Birthday – Richard Johnson Jogy Schultz

TUESDAY 1/22

4:30 – 9:00 p.m. Youth Soccer League

WEDNESDAY 1/23

THURSDAY 1/24

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group

Happy Birthday – Lauric Ostrowski

**FRIDAY 1/25** 

SATURDAY 1/26

8:00 a.m. Scouts Pancake Breakfast

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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.

## **MEETING THIS WEEK**

**Quilting Group** 

Thursday, January 24 at 10:00 a.m.

## **MEETING THIS MONTH**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Business will include the election of officers and a new nominating committee for the congregation. The Annual Meeting is also a time to review the events of the past year and for any members of the church to bring forward for discussion any concerns they have.

## **BIRTHDAY POTLUCK**

Please find sign-up sheets in the narthex for the birthday potluck, coming soon on Sunday, January 27. You may sign up to bring a themed cake, (we need only one per month), a hot food dish, a cold food dish or bread. The themed cakes are the center pieces on each of the 12 month's tables. When it is time to "dine" you sit at the table of your birthday month. It is a great chance to reconnect with those birthday sharing friends from last year's birthday potluck! Everyone is welcome; we always have plenty of delicious food and many cakes to sample!

# 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.
- II 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 asked for and collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Jan Letsos at 715-394-6009 or Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

GUEST PASTOR Reverend Bob Goodin
DEACONS OF THE MONTH Susan Litehiser & Ed Anderson