



**ONE UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**Sunday, March 17, 2024
10:30 am Worship
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

***Adapting, Welcoming, Serving,
Growing in Faith***

One United Church of Christ

Pastor.....Rev. Rebecca Hoover
Lay Pastor.....Mrs. Nancy McNabb
Director of Music.....Jeff Miller
Administrative Assistant.....Dee Constable

Bold face type indicates optional congregational responses.

* Indicates please rise in body and/or spirit

Gathering

Welcome & Greetings

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

L: Each day is a gift from God,

**C: each moment is that opportunity to reach out
in service to all creation.**

L: Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:

**C: not written on stone tablets easily broken,
but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

L: Each day we draw closer to God:

**C: who has forgotten more than we ever learn;
who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.**

*Hymn

“Beautiful Jesus” Hymnal #44

*Beautiful Jesus,
Head of all creation,
God and the blessed Mary’s child.
I want to love you,
Praise and adore you,
Joy of my soul so long desired.*

*Beautiful springtime,
Lovely, green, and hopeful,
All earth exhales its sweet perfume;
Jesus is sweeter,
Jesus is purer,
Sad hearts at this, rejoice and bloom.*

*Beautiful sunshine.
Clear so lovely moonlight,
Stars shine like angels ranked through space.
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines clearer,
In perfect beauty, love, and grace.*

*All earthly beauty,
All celestial radiance
Fade when compared to Jesus' face.
Let me not cherish
Beauties that perish,
Let me this lovely good embrace.*

Prayer of Confession (*responsively*)

When we resist your call to change our hearts and allow a deepening of relationship:

God have mercy.

When we nurse our wounded hearts and withhold forgiveness which may transform relationship:

Christ have mercy.

When fear for our own security leads us to close our hearts from those who are in need:

God have mercy.

Musical Response (*unison, singing*) Hymnal #771

Music: Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

[Let the words of
my mouth and
the meditation] of my heart [be acceptable in
your sight, O God,
my strength and] my Re - deem - er.

Assurance of Pardon (*Responsively*)

The One who makes a covenant on our hearts is faithful, and forgives us our sins and failures. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God, and pass the peace of Christ in community among us.

Amen.

Listening

Introduction to the Scripture Reading

Scripture Readings

John 12:20-33 (CEB)

²⁰ Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” ²² Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, “The time has come for the Human One^[a] to be glorified. ²⁴ I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears

much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

²⁷ “Now I am deeply troubled.^[b] What should I say? ‘Father, save me from this time’? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard and said, “It’s thunder.” Others said, “An angel spoke to him.”

³⁰ Jesus replied, “This voice wasn’t for my benefit but for yours. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world’s ruler will be thrown out. ³² When I am lifted up^[c] from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.” (³³ He said this to show how he was going to die.)

Children’s Moment

*Song “In Christ Alone” Contemporary Hymnal

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied*

*For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

Sermon

Intercessory Prayers/The Lord's Prayer (*responsively*)

...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.

Sending

*Song

“The Old Rugged Cross” Hymnal #195

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

Refrain:

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

*Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left the glory of heaven
to bear it to cold Calvary. [Refrain]*

*In that old rugged cross, which bore Love so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for upon that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]*

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
When God calls me some day to my home far away,
there God's glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]*

* Benediction (*responsively*)

L: May the blessings of light be upon you,
 Light without and light within,
 And in all your comings and goings,
 May you ever have a kindly greeting
 From them you meet along the road.

C: **Amen**

Our greeters for today are: Christy Hylton and Robin West.

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“Beautiful Jesus” Words: Munster Gesenbuch; Music: Silesian folk melody (author unknown)

“In Christ Alone” By Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

“The Old Rugged Cross” By George Bennard

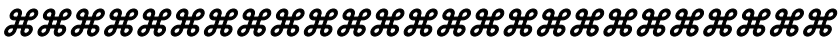
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The Call to Worship ~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his Lectionary Liturgies blog. Visit there for many other excellent lectionary-based resources.

Assurance of Pardon ~ taken from “*O God of Our Hearts: Prayers for the Fifth Sunday in Lent*,” written by Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey and the Rev. Susan A. Blain. Posted on the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways website.

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Welcome to worship with One UCC! We're glad to share this time of prayer and praise together!

Please check our website (www.oneucc.org), weekly email news, and Facebook page for updates to our ministry. The contact information for the church is found on the front cover of the bulletin. Videos of our church life together and Sunday worship can be found on One UCC's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHUua_X9q0AuoI1gEn7vahQ?view_as=subscriber



Dee's office hours: are usually Mon, Wed, Thurs 12:30 – 3:30 pm but if there are changes for the next week, the new hours will be listed.

Pastor Becky office hours: only on Sundays 9 am - noon.

Nancy McNabb office hours: Tuesdays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Please call the office before you stop by to make sure no one's schedule has changed.

In case you need the contact information:

- We are on Facebook and search for One United Church of Christ! Like our page!
- Pastor Becky's Contact Info:
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The fastest way to reach Pastor Becky is by texting her cell phone.

Please keep in your prayers the following people and situations:

Gavin Baker, Gwen Baker, Gene Bare, Dan Brouse, Parker Burkert, Randy Bond, Diane Clouser, Colleen, Catherine Conkey, Margaret D'Amico, Dan, Renee and Phil Ferraro, Frankie, Jim Geiger, Catherine Good, Adam Griffin, Vicky Hatzas, Judy Hertzog and family, Joy Himmelmann, Brenda Hoffer, Nate Hosler, Matthew Hoyer, Grace Kauffman, Kevin & Nancy, Alice Kline, Cheryl Kohl, Spencer Kohl, Josh Knarr, Larry, Kenneth Lausch, Maggie & Skyler Lutz, Susana Matthews, Sissy McCaffery, Becky Miller, Brittany Nelson, Laura Perry, Sally Pierson, Nancy Ritter, Izzy Rivera, Rosie, Ray Saylor and family, Bobbilyn and Robert Schadler, Diane Smith, Caitlyn Sine, Terry and Faith Sinsich, Sam Snyder, Stephanie Sowers, Katie Szajek, Bonnie Szajek, Steve Szajek, Carol Thomas, Brenda Walker, Sadie West, Holly Wood, Zach, those with addictions and those who love them, and our U.S. military personnel

Things You Need to Know This Week at One UCC

**Lenten Soup –
Sunday, March 17**



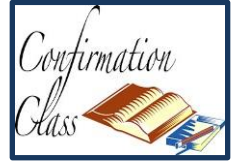
Guess what is coming up soon??? The Easter Egg Hunt!! It will be held on March 23 at One UCC at 2 pm – Rain or Shine.

Volunteers are needed for the egg hunt at 12:30 pm. Monetary donations are requested to offset the cost of prizes and can be made online or at church. If you took eggs to fill, please have them back to the church no later than **March 17**.

Thanks for all your help with this much enjoyed event.

We are looking to start a confirmation class in 2024.

Confirmation is open to anyone in seventh grade or above who wishes to explore their faith and learn more about what it means to join the Church. Following worship on **Sunday, March 17, 2024** we will have an initial interest meeting.



If you have questions about confirmation or cannot attend the meeting on March 17 but are interested, please talk with Pastor Becky.

Time to order your Easter flowers!

Tulips---Red or Pink or Purple

Lilies

\$11.00/each

Deadline to order March 24

Sign up sheet outside of the sanctuary



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24 – Palm Sunday – 10:30 am

March 28 – Maundy Thursday – 6 pm

March 29 – Good Friday – 7 pm

March 31 – Easter Sunday – 10:30 am

Just a reminder...

services continue to be livestreamed and available on our YouTube Channel.

If you are sick or feeling unwell, we kindly ask you to worship from home. Our

One UCC is officially a partner with CommunityAid! Going forward, we will be collecting clothing, shoes, and accessories in good and sellable condition at church. These items then will be taken to CommunityAid for resale, and One UCC directly receives financial



credit for any donations made under our name and with our partner number. The Mission Ministry team has set up a collection container in the church building. If you wish to take items directly to CommunityAid (any location), you can donate them under One UCC's name and partner number, and our congregation will get credit for your donation. **Our partner number is 50161.** For more information about CommunityAid and the types of donations they accept, please visit www.communityaid.org.



Volunteer Reading Tutors needed for Ready.Set.READ! Program

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 1st grade students who need extra support with reading at Mifflin Park Elementary on Wednesdays from 12:30 - 1:30 PM. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour from January through mid-May. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or darbyw@uwberks.org.



Would you like to be more involved in the worship life of our congregation? Pastor Becky is working to **reestablish liturgists** who help weekly in leading worship. Liturgists assist with leading different parts of our worship service. Training and all materials for worship are provided. If you have served as a liturgist in the past,

Pastor Becky will be checking in with you. If you would like to be a liturgist, please let Pastor Becky know.

It's now winter and the Little Food Pantry will be especially needed! Due to the temperatures getting below freezing, please only place items without liquid in them and no glass containers. **Any** donations you can make are greatly appreciated.



***We're so excited to tell you we have an online giving platform, easyTithe! If you would like to set up a gift on the new platform so you can become familiar with it and help our donors as we move*

forward, please use this link:

<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/oneucc>



You can set up an account or contribute without setting up an account. (If you think you would like to regularly give to One UCC online, you might wish to set up an account.) When you donate online, you can select what category in which you would like your contribution to be designated. All physical envelope offering categories are included. If you have no idea where you would like your contribution to go, please select "General Fund."

We are continuing to test easyTithe, and so any feedback you have is most appreciated. If online giving is not your thing, that's perfectly fine. One UCC will continue to receive your financial contributions as we always have.



****Want to sing in choir, or be in the bell choir? Or want to try it to see if you enjoy it? No commitment! Simply talk to Jeff, or contact him via cell (610-406-1664), or email (jeff@simonapple.com). For now, rehearsals are as needed, not weekly. Choir rehearsal**

is occasional, after Sunday service, for about 15 minutes. Bells are also occasional, typically on a Wednesday, for 45 minutes starting at 6:30 or 7pm. Reading music is not required, or necessary. It's all very low-key, no pressure, and flexible to accommodate everyone's schedule. Also, anyone who would like to perform special music in the service at any time, please contact Jeff.



Help Both Our Church and Our Planet at the Same Time!

Recycle your used printer ink cartridges through Planet Green Recycling! Drop off used ink cartridges at church and we will submit to "Planet Green Recycling." The church will receive funds directly from Planet Green Recycle, \$1.00 for every cartridge (commonly used cartridges).

If you choose to mail in your cartridges yourself, it is very important to make sure to include the church's Organization Program Code so we receive credit for your cartridges. See the weekly church email for details about how to send in cartridges yourself. *Thank you so much for your support!!!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CHURCH CALENDAR: Mar. 17 – Mar. 24, 2024

Sunday (3/17) Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Lenten Soup Lunch
11:30 am Confirmation Informational Meeting

Monday (3/18)

- 7:00 am Candy Making

Tuesday (3/19)

- 7:00 am Candy Making
6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday (3/20)

- 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday (3/21)

- 10:00 am C, D & B Senior Group

Saturday (3/23)

- 2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt
6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday (3/24) Palm Sunday

- 10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Lenten Soup Lunch

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