



March 19, 2023 ♦ 10:30 a.m. ♦ Fourth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

At *University UMC*, our mission is to live into radical kinship through loving God, serving others and building Christian community. We pray all will find encouragement and spiritual nourishment here as we praise God together this morning.



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GATHERING

Words of Welcome

Please sign our [online attendance pad](#) and visit the [announcements page](#) for more information about upcoming events! If you are unfamiliar with accessing our announcements online, please call the church office to get connected.

Prelude

“Prelude in e minor” Johann Sebastian Bach

*Call to Worship

Responsively

We remember, O God...

The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

We remember, O God...

The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

We remember, O God...

The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

We remember, O God...

The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar.

We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us worship God with joy!

*Hymn 384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***Opening Prayer**

In Unison

In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies, we come to be your people, O God. Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers, we come to be your people, O God. Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations, we come to be your people, O God. Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and we come to be your people, O God. May we truly become your people today. Amen.

***Kyrie eleison**

Healy Willan

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord —, have mercy upon us.

PROCLAMATION

***Prayer for Illumination**

In Unison

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

***Gospel Reading**

John 20:19-22

(NT, p. 1321)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Church and the Communion of Saints”

The Rev. Justin Coleman

RESPONSE

***Hymn 555**

“Forward Through the Ages”

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

***The Apostles' Creed, Hymnal p. 881**

In Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Prayers of the People

Responsively

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray . . .
The congregation responds to each petition, "Hear our prayer."

Presentation of Our Gifts and God's Tithes

Responsively

God is Good. **All the time.**
And all the time. **God is Good.**

Generosity Moment: *You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting "UniversityUMC" to 833-245-5259 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions, or through UniversityUMC.church.*

Offertory

"Celtic Communion"
Chancel Choir, Flute ~ Sarah Cooley

arr. by Mark Hayes

***Doxology, Hymnal, p. 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Invitation to the Table, Hymnal, p. 12**

***Confession and Pardon**

Responsively

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving, Hymnal p. 17**

Responsively

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer**

In Unison

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***The Breaking of the Bread and the Taking of the Cup**

The Giving

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

In the United Methodist tradition, the Table is open to all who desire the Sacrament, including children. If you wish to celebrate communion by intinction, dip the bread into the cup so as to receive both elements together. After you receive the elements, you are invited to respond, "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." You may stand or kneel at the chancel rail in prayer as long as you wish. We invite you to consider leaving an offering to support neighbors in need. We use bread from Great Harvest Bread Company and Welch's grape juice. [Visit our website for allergen information.](#)



Gluten-free wafers and a dedicated chalice are available upon request at the station just left of the center aisle. Wafers are free of gluten, wheat, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, and corn.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you wish to become a follower of Jesus Christ, a member of University United Methodist Church, or would like for someone to pray with you, we invite you to come forward during the closing hymn and meet the clergy in front of the chancel rail.

***Hymn 703**

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;

swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

**If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home;
tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.**

**I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down, coming for to carry me home;
but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.**

The brightest day that I can say, coming for to carry me home;
when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Psalm 19”

Benedetto Marcello

**Please stand if you are able.*



MINISTERIAL STAFF & THOSE SERVING TODAY

Senior Pastor	The Reverend Justin Coleman
Executive Pastor.....	The Reverend Jamison Doehring
Pastor of Outreach	The Reverend Lindsay Ballance Collins
Pastor of Kindred Church.....	The Reverend Daniel Childs
Pastor to Senior Adults	The Reverend Denise Waters
Youth Minister	The Reverend Charlie Baber
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Director of Children and Family Ministries	Rebecca Dyck
Minister of Administration.....	Michael Saunders
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Audio Visual	Chris Cooper, Graham Gerding, Sean Pomykal
Lector	Keiron Dyck
Generosity Moment.....	Jessica Gebhart

FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
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