

Prelude "Nearer, Still Nearer" arr. Harold DeCou

[Hymn text and tune by Mrs. C. H. (Lelia) Morris

Stanza 1: *Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, Draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art.*

Fold me, O fold me close to thy breast; Shelter me safe in that haven of rest, Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

Welcome and Announcements Rev. H. Neely Gaston, D. D.

Call to Worship [Based on James 4:8, 10]

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and God will exalt you.

O Lord, help us through our worship to draw closer to you.

Help us to be humble and to seek your way

*Bible Songs 263 "God Shall Guard from Every Ill" NEUMEISTER

*Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Trinity Hymnal 537 "Take Time to Be Holy" HOLINESS

Psalter Reading Psalm 73 (*Trinity Hymnal*, page 811-812)

Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; and the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal or world-wide

Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" [TH 734] MEINEKE

Children's Sermon

Silent Prayer "Andante Mosso" W. Wedeman

Prayer

Offertory "Lord Jesus, Be Near Me" Natalie Sleeth

*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" [TH 731] OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer

Scripture Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Sermon "Drawing Near"

Prayer

*Trinity Hymnal 533 "I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice" I AM THINE

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude "Draw Us to Thee" Johann Gottfried Walther

Announcements for May 21 2023

The Diaconate meets in the Fellowship Hall and the Session meets in the Conference Room following worship today. Our Women's Ministry will meet, Sunday, May 28th.

Please consider volunteering to teach the Children's Class. The following dates are open: May 28, June 4, June 11, June 18, and June 25.

Scholarship forms are on the hall table. Please complete and return to David McCain by Sunday, May 28th.

Special Offerings:
In Memory of Katheryn Reid by Joe and Libby Gaston

UNION ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship
Sunday, May 21, 2023

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 21, 2023

10:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Session Meets in Conference Room
Diaconate Meets in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 25, 2023

6:00-8:00 p.m. – Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 28, 2023 (Pentecost)

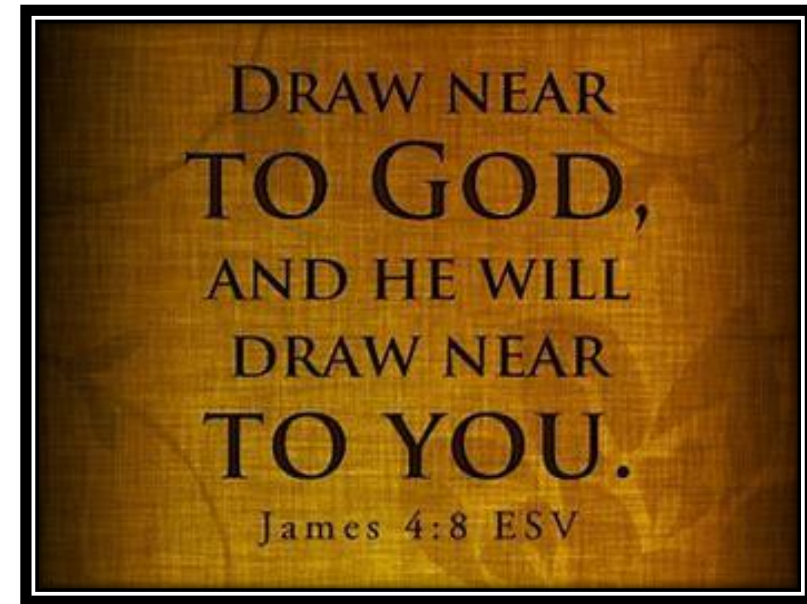
10:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m.- Worship
WOC Meets in Fellowship Hall
Scholarship Forms are due today

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 23 – Andy & Sandy Bennett	May 26 – Rob Dodson
May 24 – Ann Simpson	May 26 – Pete & Mary Beth Burton
May 25 – Reid Carrico	May 27 – Mark & Debbie Bennett



Sunday, June 4, 2023 (Trinity Sunday)

10:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. - Worship

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Snipes Cleaning

Tuesday, June 6-8

General Synod at Bonclarken

Wednesday, June 8, 2023

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal



Welcome in the name of Christ to all who gather for worship at Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. As you join us for worship, we hope that you will sense God's presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God's Word, and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world. If you do not have a church home in this community, we encourage you to consider uniting with us in our work and worship.