

Prelude "Praises of the Good Shepherd" (ST. COLUMBA) arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar

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

Call to Worship

Lift praises to the name of our God; bless God's name forever!

How great is our God!

From generation to generation we will sing your praises and speak of your goodness!

Great is our God and worthy of praise!

God, you are just and kind in all your doings?

Great is our God and worthy of praise!

God, you watch over us in love and hear the desperate cries of those who call to you!

How great is our God! How great is our God! Bless God's name forever! Tell of His excellent greatness!

*Bible Songs, #302 "All Thy Works Praise Thee" (v. 1, 2 3, 5) Tune: Unknown

*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, #561 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" CANONBURY

Psalter Reading Psalm 145 (Trinity Hymnal, page 838 - 839)

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 "Wondrous Love" ("When I was sinking down...") arr. Schulz-Widman

Prayer

Offertory "Hallelujah" W. A. Mozart / arr. Austin Lovelace

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

*Prayer

Scripture Mark 5:1-20 ESV

¹ They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ² And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. ³ He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, ⁴ for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶ And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. ⁷ And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." ⁸ For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" ⁹ And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." ¹⁰ And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. ¹¹ Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, ¹² and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." ¹³ So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea. ¹⁴ The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ¹⁶ And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. ¹⁷ And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. ¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹ And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." ²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Sermon "Tell Them"

Prayer

*Trinity Hymnal, #26 "Tell Out, My Soul, The Greatness of the Lord" WOODLANDS

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude "Alleluias" (LASST UNS ERFREUEN) arr. Schulz-Widmar

Announcements for Sunday, March 3, 2024

Reminder: Remember that its time “spring forward” on March 10th. Don't forget to change your clock before going to bed Saturday night.

Deacons meet following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

The Session and our Women's Ministry meet next Sunday.

Please take time to look over both inserts regarding our Missions Festival March 15-17th. If you plan to attend any of the programs, please complete the sign-up sheet and place it in the collection plate. There is also an online sign up on Neely's Creek's website.

We plan to have Easter lilies. The cost will be \$15 each. Complete and turn in the purple order form and payment by March 24th. Make checks out to Nancy Bailey.

Union will observe Good Friday, March 29, with a service of Tenebrae at 7:00pm. This year, Paul is asking for volunteers to read and extinguish the candles during the service. Ideally, 12 readers are needed, but he will use those who volunteer. The signup sheets are in the vestibule and on the desk in the hallway. An instructional meeting is planned for after worship on Sunday, March 24.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

9:00 a.m. Snipes Cleaning

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7, 2024

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

Sunday, March 10, 2024 (Note Time Change/Spring Forward) Girl Scout Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Session and our Women's Ministry meet following worship

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| March 8 – Randy Jensen | March 20 – Sylvia Jennings |
| March 10 – Jerry Locke | March 26 – Emmett Smith |
| March 19 – Ritchie & Heidi Sharpe | March 31 – Riley Alexander |

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Order of Worship
Sunday, March 3, 2024
The Third Sunday in Lent



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.