

Prelude "I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies" (from *St. Paul*) Felix Mendelssohn

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

Call to Worship written by Nancy C. Townley

God's mercy floods over us.

Lord, wash me clean of the pain in my life.

God's love pours into us.

Lord, pour your love into every pore of my being.

Let the love and mercy of God reign in your heart today.

Be with me, Lord, and guide my life. AMEN.

**Trinity Hymnal*, 457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

*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, 507 "Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat" DALEHURST

Psalter Reading Psalm 13 (*Trinity Hymnal*, page 787)

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 "Kyrie Eleison" Richard Quesnel

The choir sings the first time; the congregation joins the second time.

Greek: **Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

English Translation: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Prayer

Offertory "Sarabande" Arcangelo Corelli / arr. Robert Cundick

*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 "Legion"

Prayer

**Bible Songs*, 227 "Prayer and Praise for Mercy" (Ps. 106) Tune: Unknown

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude "Maestoso alla Breve in B Minor" Franciszek Walczynski

Announcements for Sunday, March 30, 2025

Volunteer readers, who signed up to help with readings during our Good Friday service, will meet with Paul Broome in the Conference Room following worship to receive assigned passages.

Please look over Missions Festival inserts in today's bulletin. Please place sign-up sheets in the offering plates today so that we can get a count.

We are planning to have our Jubilee Birthday Lunch following lunch on Sunday, April 6th. Everyone is invited. Our Women's Ministry will take up donations for our two birthday ladies, Rebekah Carson and Sheila Osborne. Your prayers and financial support for them is encouraged.

Easter lilies will cost \$15.07. Please complete purple order form and give it to Nancy Bailey. Orders are due Sunday, April 13th.

Our Women's Ministry is planning an Easter Egg hunt for the children following worship on Palm Sunday, April 13th. We would like to get a count, so please let Katherine Dodson know if you will have children attending.

Special Offerings:

In Memory of Carolyn Locke by her Red Hat Sisters (Women's Ministry Operation Christmas Child)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 1

6-8 p.m. – Church Safety Class by Joe Gordon

Wednesday, April 2

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 3

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

Friday, April 4

6:00 p.m. – Missions Festival at Edgemoor ARP Church

Saturday, April 5

8:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast at Neely's Creek ARP Church

6:00 p.m. – Missions Festival at Union ARP Church

Sunday, April 6

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Jubilee Birthday Lunch following worship – Everyone is invited

5:30 p.m. Missions Festival at Neely's Creek ARP Church

Wednesday April 9

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 3 – Sally Risheberger

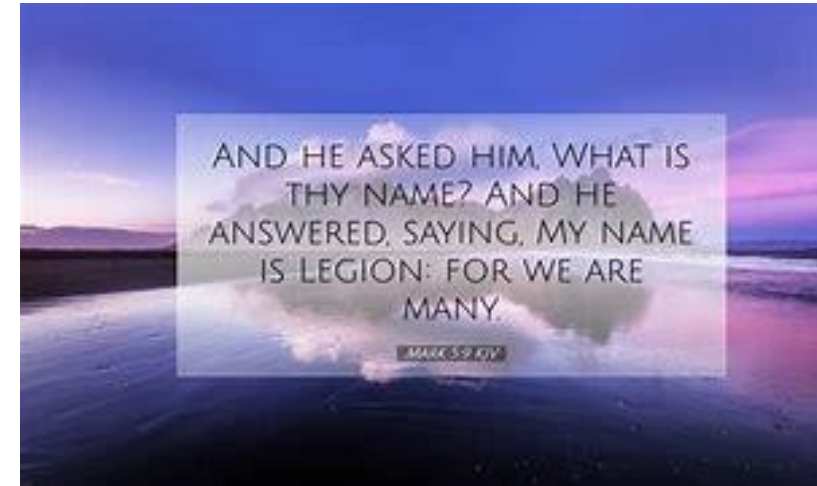
April 6 – Connie Agee

April 13 – T. & Sherry Melton

April 28 – Debbie Bennett

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Order of Worship
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 30, 2025



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.