Union First Presbyterian Church

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March 26, 2023 11:00 A.M.

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, Who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered.!

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits; and in the world of the Lord I hope.

MORNING PRAYER

* Hymn of Praise #163 CLH "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

* CALL TO CONFESSION
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You called us to life in the Spirit, yet we seek to satisfy the flesh. We call you gracious, yet we practice greed. We praise you with our lips, O God, yet we do not honor you in our lives. Discontent consumes us as we yearn for still more things. We know that to live by your grace promises inheritance of new life. Redeem our enslavement to corruptible desires, that we may be worthy to be called righteous in Christ.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

* Passing of the Peace.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM "Yet, There is Room"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 11:1-16

SERMON "So we may die with Jesus." *Reverend Dr. Donald Wilson*

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
* OFFERTORY
* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
O God, as Jesus released Lazarus from the hands of death, may our ministry give to others the promise of new life. Accept that gifts that we offer to proclaim your love. Use our talents in ways that will set others free. May the liberating truth of Christ's gospel be heard anew in the land. AMEN.

* Closing Hymn #165 CLH "Lead Me to Calvary"

* BENEDICTION
* Response #525 CLH "At the Cross" (Chorus Only)

* Congregation please stand if you are able.
PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue Hymnal)
CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red Hymnal)
Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Practice – Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00pm.
Congregational Meeting – Today following worship.
Worthington Ministerium Lenten Service – Tonight's service is being held here at 7:00pm with Luke Speck speaking, "Evidence for the Exodus." Following the service, refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Please join in with other members of our faith community for a time of worship and fellowship!
Palm Sunday - April 2nd - Tim Rausch will be in the pulpit.
Deacons Meeting – Monday, April 3rd at 6:30pm.
Maundy Thursday Communion - Will be observed with worship on Thursday, April 6th at 7:00pm. We have not celebrated Maundy Thursday Communion together since 2019. Please join us.

Congregational Meeting – Today at noon.
The purpose of this meeting is to dissolve the relationship between Rev. Flynn and the Union First Presbyterian Church. The determination was mutually agreed upon by Rev. Flynn and the session, however, the decision ultimately rests with the congregation. The second order of business to be conducted is to elect an elder.

Bulletin Announcements – Committee Chairmans and church members**,** if you have any meetings that are scheduled or announcements for the bulletin, please notify Jan Cannon by calling or texting at 724-494-9382 or by email at djjcannon@yahoo.com.

Eyeglass Collection - The Worship Committee will be collecting old eyeglasses over the next few months to send to Uganda. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the basket located in the back of the church.

Worthington Ministerium Lenten Worship Series, Sundays at 7:00pm - Join others in our community as we worship together during Lent.

March 26th - Luke Speck, Union First Presbyterian Church, Cowansville
March 31st; April 1st, 2nd, 7th , 8th - Walkchalk Salem Baptist Church from 6-8pm. *The Week* – Come walk the streets of Jerusalem, hear the shouts of Hosanna, see the empty tomb and rejoice!
April 7th – Good Friday Cross Walk – starts at noon at Worthington Evangelical Lutheran Church; ends at Worthington Presbyterian Church.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
March 26 – Payton Eileen Cushey	March 31 - Chad & Amanda Hill