


UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 21st, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Come and have breakfast.

- *Jesus*

"Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will."

- *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*




Sunday Worship
10:00 am

Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday

8:30 am – 12 Noon, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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330 Fifth Avenue Southwest
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We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God. We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+ Invitation to Worship

To see the life that teems around us,
To give thanks for the gift we have received;
 To notice the beauty and promise of spring,
To breathe deeply of the season;
 To accept the gift of love, and to love in return:
This is to worship God.

+ Gathering Hymn 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (Verses 1-4, 6)

We Offer Our Gratitude

Community Prayer

Rich Isted

**God of second chances and God of new life,
 we have been back and forth, to and from, on this journey of faith.
 We have had courageous days and convicted days,
 learning days and questioning days.
 We have had days where we run to you,
 days for diving out of the boat,
 days for deep joy,
 and days where the pain of the world feels too close to bear.
 We give you thanks for every time that you walked the valley with us,
 for every time that you have met us on the mountaintop,
 and for every time you have stayed still while we ran toward you.
 Never stop meeting us where we need to be met.
 May your grace keep pulling us in closer to you.
 Amen.**

Sung Response 469

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

+ Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.

Invitation to the Offering

*We are grateful for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share.
 We offer each person an opportunity to connect with giving by placing at least one \$1 in the offering plate.
 As we give faithfully, each faithful \$1 will bless the ministry of UPC.*

Offertory Anthem

“Jesus is The Living Stone”

by Mary McDonald

**Presentation of Gifts
& Hymn 606**

“Doxology”

We Listen & Receive

Time with the Young Church

Children of all ages are invited to come forward.

Nursery and Children’s Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.

Scripture Reading

John 21:1-19

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Breakfast”

Brandon Lewis

We Respond to God’s Grace

Hymn 721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Sharing Joys & Concerns

*At the conclusion of spoken joys, let us pray together, “**Thanks be to you, O God.**”*

*For concerns, let us make them our own by praying, “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”*

**Prayers of the People
& 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.

We Are Sent in God’s Love

+ Closing Hymn 700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

+ Benediction

Postlude

Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey—whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

Announcements

Discovering Scotland

Saturday, May 3- Sunday, May 11, 2025

If you think you want to go, join **Tami VanRas** in the Pfeiffer room after church today to learn more details about this once in a lifetime trip to Bonnie Scotland.

Enneagram- Rev. Dr. Sarah Sanderson Doughty

Sunday, May 18, 2024 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Learn about the nine personality types.

Early Bird Registration is \$25.00.

Upcoming Events

Sunday	April 21
10:00AM	Sunday Worship
11:30AM	Scotland Informational Meeting
Monday	April 22
6:00PM	ACT Practice
Tuesday	April 23
9:30AM	PEO
10:00AM	Unoffendable Book Study
5:30PM	Women's Evening Bible Study
6:00PM	ACT Practice
Wednesday	April 24
7:00AM	Early Risers Fellowship
5:30PM	Youth Group
6:00PM	ACT Practice
7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	April 25
11:30AM	Yoga for All - Booth Hall
6:00PM	ACT Practice

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Liturgist – Rich Isted

Ushers – Linda Cameron, Elaine Chapman, and Jack Towns.

Coffee Hour – Deacons

Childrens Programs – Cindy Fellows and Holly Halligan

Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Nursery

The nursery (Room 208) will be available for infants—age 3 during worship services. Children can be dropped off any time after 9:30am and picked up following worship.

Godly Play

Age 3 – Grade 2 | Godly Play

As a continuation of worship, Godly Play is a formational practice of exploring the mystery of God's inviting presence in our lives, teaching children how to listen for God and then to make authentic and creative responses to God.

Creative Minds

Grade 3+ | Youth Room

Creative Minds is a formational practice for older children and youth to engage, explore, and re-create the fascinating biblical stories of our faith through the world of Minecraft technology.

Local Outreach | Ways to Serve

Linn Benton Food Share—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. **May 2**

Prayers & Praise

Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:

Ellarie Parten

Claude Meyers

The Reid Family

Bill Hulshof

Jim & Nancy Goode

The Hanson Family

Wayne & Joann Chambers

Bill Sissel

The Family of Alyssa Kleven-Morrison

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