

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Paul Shupe
b. 1944

For God so loved the world... It is possible to read the whole of Scripture from the creation to the eschaton, as God's love story for the world. It was, after all, love that stirred God's heart at the pleading of the slaves in Egypt and love that offered them both the guidance of the law and the security of the promised land. Thereafter, whenever inequality or injustice threatened the welfare of the poor and the powerless... God's love raised up prophets who declared God's desire for compassion—shown not just to insiders, but also to sojourners and foreigners within the boundaries of Israel.

It was divine love, stronger than well-deserved judgment, that carried Israel during the time of exile, and the love of God that was celebrated with the psalms of adoration in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem. It was God's love that sent Jesus, God's Son, to be incarnate in the world, where he taught that love is not merely for those who look and think and believe like us, but even for our enemies and those who persecute us. It was love that stirred the first-century church to open the doors of communion not only to Jews but also to Gentiles, not only to those deemed worthy but also those whose very existence was troubling: the halt, the lame, the blind, the eunuchs.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Charles-Marie Widor
1844-1937

Andante sostenuto

from Symphonie No. 9, Op. 70 (Gothique)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Worship Register and pass it on to your neighbor.

*OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 107:1-3, 21-22

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands—

**From the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Let them thank the Lord for steadfast love,
for wonderful works to humankind.

**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of God's deeds with songs of joy.**

*HYMN 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *Cwm Rhondda*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

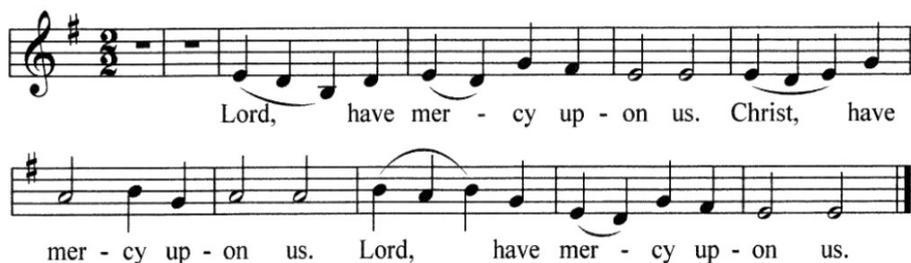
**Holy, Self-giving God,
You knit us together in our mothers' wombs;
there is nothing about us that you do not know.
Yet we need to come clean:
to name our resistance,
to own our stubborn ways.
Meet us now in the silence,
in the darkness of our settled minds.
Birth us anew.**

(silent prayer)

*Silent Confession

*Kyrie Eleison

Arr. David N. Johnson



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to exchange the peace of Christ with one another, greeting each other with the words above. During cold and flu season, please share your greetings with warmth and affection and refrain from shaking hands. We hope to promote the peace of Christ and the health of all.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.

His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.

In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Life in Christ is life eternal.

The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

*HYMN 826

“Lift High the Cross”

Crucifer

THE THANKSGIVING

*Offertory Sentence

At the Offering,

Antiphon III: Très lent et sans rigueur (8:30) Marcel Dupré
(Very slowly and in free time) 1886-1971

An Anthem (11:00) Philip Stopford
b. 1977

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace on thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity. Amen.

words, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 546 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” *Sicilian Mariners*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN (11:00)

Kenneth Leighton
1929-1988

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

**You are invited to stand, as able.*

Worship Notes

AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS, please turn off or silence all cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic devices for the duration of worship.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Preacher:* Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Interim Pastor. *Liturgists:* Nancy Myer, Staff Associate for Children’s Ministries; Kate Fiedler, Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries; Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music. *Children’s Choir Director:* Beth Auman Visser. *Children’s Choir Accompanist:* Betsy Carmichael.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Greeters:* Brad and Leslie Clark. *Ushers:* Eric and Annette Munson (captains), Carmen Woodruff, Harvey Hamrick. **At 11:00:** *Greeters:* Bill and Lynnette Campbell. *Ushers:* Tom (captain) and Betty Bouldin, Bob Johnson, Steve Kennedy, Edith Lino, Lawrence Sizemore. *Godly Play Leaders:* Alison Kavanaugh, Heidi Cook. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Ken Krzyzweski.

THE WORSHIP BULLETIN, the weekly calendar, the announcements and UPC’s newsletter are posted on the church Website at www.upcch.org.

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN MUSIC hails from the Church of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, a place with a vast and important musical tradition. When 26-year-old Charles-Marie-Jean-Albert Widor (1884-1937) was being considered as organist for the church in 1879 (during the height of the Franco-Prussian War), the Curate received many letters of protest: "Widor plays like the Germans!" (Although French by birth, Widor's training had a decidedly Teutonic edge.) In an effort to appease the congregation, Widor was appointed "probationary organist" for a term of one year. But soon after, Widor's beautiful playing the supreme musicianship won over the congregation and the issue was never spoken of again. (When Widor retired after 64 years of service age of 90, he was still the 'probationary' organist...he had never been officially hired!) The church's then-new, magnificent Cavallé-Coll organ of 100 stops would inspire and encourage Widor to become one of the most influential organists of the 19th Century. (It was my privilege to visit Cavallé-Coll's grave in Paris during my sabbatical last summer and to hear this organ again in recital.) After Widor's retirement in 1943, his young student Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) assumed the organ bench of Saint-Sulpice, and he, in turn, would grow to become perhaps the most important organist of the 20th Century. Between Widor and Dupré, they would live to serve Saint-Sulpice for a combined 101 years! Charles-Marie Widor died 81 years ago tomorrow, March, 12, in 1937. This morning we hear the slow movement from Widor's *Symphonie Gothique* as the Voluntary, and an *Antiphon* by Marcel Dupré during the 8:30 Offering.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP comes from *Feasting on the Word, Year B, Volume 2*.

THE BENEDICTION frequently offered by Margaret is adapted from an anointing liturgy by Jim Cotter.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION...The work of proclamation belongs not just to preachers but to the Christian community as a whole. To that end, if thoughts or questions are stimulated by a sermon that you hear, your worship leaders would be grateful to receive your reflections. While we always are open to face-to-face conversation, sometimes it's easier to drop a note by email. We can't promise to respond to each email individually, but we would love to have your thoughts and questions inform our preparation for worship in the weeks to come. Any responses you'd like to share may be sent to sermons@upcch.org.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES are set aside on Sunday directly in front of the church on Franklin Street, and four spaces are available in the church parking lot off Robertson Lane. Please reserve these spaces for those with handicap parking permits.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS and portable hearing devices are available every Sunday in the narthex.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Jer. 31:31-34; Ps. 51:1-12; Ps. 119:9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON ROBERTSON LANE. It is fine to park in the designated pull-in parking spaces, but the road itself is a fire lane and must be kept clear. Thank you for your understanding.





Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities
March 11, 2018

Mission Study Team Update

Why do you participate in the life of University Presbyterian Church? What do you think God is calling UPC to do and be? How can we strengthen the congregation in response to God's call? The Mission Study Team wants to hear from you! You are invited to attend one of the following facilitated group discussions, to be held in Dunham Hall during the Sunday School hour: March 11 (today!), March 18, or March 25. The team gratefully welcomes your comments, questions, and suggestions via our website (upcch.org/missionstudy), email (missionstudyteam@upcch.org), or conversation with any team member. We deeply believe that your contributions are central to the value of our Mission Study Report, and we sincerely hope you will share your thoughts and opinions in the coming weeks. Thank you for your prayers and support!

2018 Congregational Retreat

The UPC Congregational Retreat registration is open! Go to www.upcch.org/retreat to get your spot in Assembly Inn reserved for this year's retreat, "Spirit on the Move," September 7-9, 2018, in Montreat. Don't miss this incredible weekend in beautiful Montreat with your church family. Through the lens of the Pentecost story, we'll explore how the Holy Spirit is at work in our own lives and our Church. There will be pottery, paddle boating, hiking, BBQ, barn dancing, campfire, energizers, and more fun than you thought possible in 36 hours. Join in!

Second Sunday Lunch

The congregation is invited to Second Sunday Lunch today in the Fellowship Hall, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The Membership and UPPS Committees will co-host the event and provide the main course and drinks. Those who attend are asked to bring a vegetable dish, a salad or a dessert for approximately 12 people. Please be generous! All new members, visitors, and students are welcome without contribution. We encourage you to come and enjoy the warm fellowship and delicious food with your church family. All are welcome!

Gifts of Beauty and Bounty

Join us this year as we honor and memorialize the special people in our lives with Gifts of Beauty and Bounty. You may give an Easter Lily to decorate the chancel for Easter, make a contribution to the Inter-Faith Council, or both. The names of those we honor or remember will appear in the Easter Sunday Worship Bulletin on April 1. To print an order form, go to upcch.org/resources or see the March edition of *The Chimes*. Forms must be received by noon on March 26.

Lenten Devotionals

There are devotionals created for families and an additional one for all ages available to nurture your faith during the season of Lent. You may pick one up in the Parlor or church office. Blessings during this season of reflection and repentance.

Presbyterian Women

All women of UPC are invited to attend PW Circles:
Circle 1: Wed., March 14, 6:45 p.m.; Hostess: Lou Pons;
218 Vance St. (919-967-1809)

Volunteers Wanted for Meal Train

The Meal Train is a newly formed Deacon Care Team responsible for developing a list of congregational volunteers to bring meals to individuals or families dealing with short-term illness. If you would be willing to be such a volunteer, please contact Susan Swafford at 919-929-8735 or susan.swafford@swaffordmontgomery.com or Ron Adams at 919-942-2525 or adams.ron@gmail.com.

Women's Retreat

All women are invited to attend the UPC spring retreat on Saturday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at New Hope Camp & Conference Center. Edna Banes will guide the group in the theme of *Celtic Spirituality*. Registration will be open until March 30. Go to upcch.org/2018-womens-retreat. Email Kate Fiedler with questions (kate@upcch.org). Join us!

Presbyterian Youth Connection

Tonight PYC will meet with the Mission Study Team to talk about what UPC means to our youth. All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to attend in the Youth Center from 6-7:30 p.m. Bring \$5 for dinner and your thoughts on UPC. Drop-off and pick-up are in the UPC parking lot. Contact Kim McNeill at kim@upcch.org for more information.

Memorial Garden Volunteers

Would time in the garden be good for your soul? We are looking for a few volunteers. At the heart of our church's campus is a memorial garden, tended lovingly by members of this congregation. In this beautiful setting, loved ones find a final resting place, children wander, students gather for worship, and intimate weddings are celebrated. Windows in the Sanctuary, Parlor, offices, and classrooms all open onto this tranquil space. The Memorial Garden Committee is charged with care and upkeep of this central courtyard. While professional help is used, in recent years a number of church members have found volunteering in the garden very rewarding and have contributed greatly to the garden's appearance. No special skill or knowledge is needed but a love of gardens will add to the satisfaction. More information is available from Thad Monroe at 919-918-3601. Please call if you have interest.

Youth, Junior, and Children's Choirs

The Children's Choir (grades K-2) rehearses this afternoon from 3:45-4:10 and will sing next on Palm Sunday, March 25, at both worship services. We are also working on Beryl Red's musical, *It's Cool in the Furnace*. Performance dates are April 27 at 7 p.m. and April 29 at 8:30 a.m. Contact Beth Visser at visser@upcch.org for more information.

The Junior Choir (grades 2-6) rehearses this afternoon from 4:15-4:55 and will sing next on Palm Sunday, March 25, at both worship services. We are also working on Beryl Red's musical, *It's Cool in the Furnace*, and holding auditions for parts during upcoming rehearsals. The Junior Choir will rehearse Saturday, March 17, from 4:30-6 and Sunday, March 18, from 4:15-5:45. Performance dates are April 27 at 7 p.m. and April 29 at 8:30 a.m. Contact Beth Visser at visser@upcch.org for more information.

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) rehearses today from 5-6 and will sing next on Youth Sunday, March 18, at both worship services. We will have an extra rehearsal on Saturday, March 17, from 9-10 a.m. in preparation for Youth Sunday. Contact Beth Visser at visser@upcch.org for more information.

Adult Education: Today, 9:45-10:45

Living Out Our Faith: Outreach at UPC: Join us to learn more about the broad-based span of our Outreach Program at UPC. This week: Come hear about the depths of prison ministry during the presentation from the staff of the Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women. Jennifer Jackson, the director of IPMW shared, "The prison ministry allows you to see the person in all their complexity and work on that level. That's what I find so fulfilling and satisfying about this work, because it gets down to the core of the issues that we all deal with. It's not just whether or not you've made good choices that lead you to prison, but it's issues of forgiveness, it's issues of redemption, it's issues of blame... it touches on a lot and that's why I do this." Next week: Join us to get to know Jackie Jenks, the new Executive Director of the Interfaith Council. Facilitators: UPC Outreach Committee. Location: Vance Barron Hall.

Faith and the Arts: Faith Stories: This class will continue using a collection of stories by wonderful writers on "varieties and vagaries of faith," *Faith Stories*, edited by Michael Curtis. This week: The discussion continues with the next story, "Cello," by Rémy Rougeau. Facilitator: Andrew Lallier. Location: Terrace Room.

Extended Communion Ministry

The deacons have developed an extended communion program, through which a pair of deacons visit homes on certain Sundays to share the sacrament from the morning service. This extension of the feast is a reminder of God's love and grace and connects those unable to attend our community of faith. If someone you know would benefit from receiving home communion on a one-time or ongoing basis, please contact Elizabeth Michael at (919) 929-2102 ext. 112 or elizabeth@upcch.org.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar for UPC's Vacation Bible School! We will gather June 25-28 at New Hope Camp & Conference Center, and our theme will be "Rolling River Rampage." Along the river, children will discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise and that they can always trust God to be with them. Online registration is open for UPC members. **Non-member registration opens today.** To register, please go to upcch.org/vacation-bible-school. The volunteer registration form can be found at goo.gl/forms/VPRa5i35IggSsFnA3. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org, Stephanie Duncan at seduncan1@hotmail.com, or Stacey Lange at stacey.lange@gmail.com.

Wooden oars needed for VBS: Do you own a wooden oar—or perhaps more than one—that's laying around that you no longer use? We would love to re-purpose it for use at Vacation Bible School this summer! Please contact Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org if you have any number of oars to donate.

Help the Haiti Mission Team

Buttons, Spoons, and Empty Cans: The Haiti mission team needs your help with donations of buttons, metal spoons, and empty metal cans. This is your chance to clean out that drawer full of loose buttons. We will use them to teach math lessons. We need metal spoons to demonstrate a science lesson (teaspoons would be best). Empty metal cans, without the lids or labels, will have multiple uses in the teacher workshops. Bring your buttons, spoons, and cans on Sundays, March 11 or 18. There will be a box in the narthex for your contributions.

It's Not Too Late: There is room for you on the Haiti mission team! You will work hard, but the rewards will warm your heart and put a smile on your face. The dates are April 5-13. To learn more, contact John Rogers (jrogers@upcch.org, 919-929-2102), Lisa Lord (elisabethlord@icloud.com, 919-490-8635), or Kay Leaman (leaman@aol.com, 919-929-5913). If cost is an issue, ask about possible assistance with funds.

If You Can't Go: Come to Dunham Hall on Saturday, March 24, at 9:00 a.m. to help prepare materials for the workshops in Haiti. There will be a wedding at UPC at noon that day, so please do not park in the church lot. Spaces are needed for vehicles and setting up for the wedding. Thank you.

Over 65 Lunches

Over 65? (Or close to it?) Join us this year for Dutch treat lunches after 11:00 a.m. worship downtown! Plan now to gather in the Parlor on Sunday, March 25, for our last lunch this program year. We'll walk to a nearby restaurant for some good food and fellowship. This lunch is sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee. Hosts are Gwen Waddell-Schultz and Jim Schultz. (Proof of age not required!) Please call Gwen at (919) 357-4225 with questions.

General Announcement

Third Thursday Table: March 15: UPC members assist in preparing and serving lunch and dinner at the IFC Community Kitchen (100 W. Rosemary Street) on the third Thursday of each month. Circle 5 of Presbyterian Women is responsible for sandwiches and helpers on March 15. We would like to have a list of people willing to make sandwiches or help at the shelter. To help at lunch sometime on a third Thursday, call Maureen Braun at (919) 490-1704; to help with an evening meal, call Jane Darter at (919) 929-9820. We hope you can help with this local outreach opportunity!

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 11

- 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:30 Coffee on the Landing
9:45-10:45 Sunday School for all ages
12:00-1:00 Second Sunday Lunch: Fellowship Hall
12:15-2:00 Congregational Retreat Planning Team:
 Youth Center
3:45-4:10 Children's Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
4:00-5:00 Children's Sub-committee: Dunham Hall
4:00-5:00 UPC worship service: Carolina Meadows
4:15-4:55 Junior Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
5:00-6:00 Youth Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
6:00-7:30 PYC Engage Night: Youth Center

Monday, March 12

- 6:30-8:00 Nominating Committee: Dunham Hall
7:00-8:00 Deacons meeting: Vance Barron Hall

Tuesday, March 13

- 10:00 Bulletin announcement deadline
6:00-8:00 Youth Sunday Preacher meeting:
 Youth Room, 136
7:00-9:00 Mission Study Team: Dunham Hall

Wednesday, March 14

- 7:15-9:15 Chancel Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

Thursday, March 15

- 12:00 *The Chimes* content deadline
12:30-2:00 Woman to Woman: Caribou Coffee
5:45-6:45 Congregational Life Committee:
 Youth Center
7:00-8:00 Adult Education Committee:
 Vance Barron Hall
7:00-8:00 PYPs Dads' Night Out:
 Tobacco Road Sports Cafe

Friday, March 16

- 4:15-5:00 Junior Choir Student Directing Team:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

Saturday, March 17

- 9:00-10:00 Youth Sunday - Choir: Sanctuary
10:00-11:00 Youth Sunday - Liturgists: Sanctuary
4:30-6:00 Junior Choir: Sanctuary

Sunday, March 18: Youth Sunday

- 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:30 Coffee on the Landing
9:45-10:45 Sunday School for all ages
3:45-4:10 Children's Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
4:00-5:00 UPC worship service: Carol Woods
4:15-5:45 Junior Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

**Remember, there is FREE parking at the
Rosemary Street parking deck on Sundays.**

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