

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday, February 23, 2020

PCM Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lamentations 5:1-7, 21

Remember, Lord, what has happened to us;
look, and see our disgrace.
Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers,
our homes to foreigners.
We have become fatherless,
our mothers are widows.
We must buy the water we drink;
our wood can be had only at a price.
Those who pursue us are at our heels;
we are weary and find no rest.
We submitted to Egypt and Assyria
to get enough bread.
Our ancestors sinned and are no more,
and we bear their punishment.
Restore us to yourself, Lord, that we may return;
renew our days as of old.

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

violin: Garrett Hubbard, piano: Ashley Low

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Campus Ministry

*OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 42:1-5

As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When can I go and meet with God?

My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?”

**These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used
to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty
One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.**

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed
within me?

**Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.**

*HYMN 12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

St. Denio

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51:1-12 NRSV

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

**Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Silence.

*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

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange the peace of Christ with one another, greeting each other with the words above.

*Response of Praise

(Hymnal, 835)

**Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied
as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.**

**Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.**

THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children, three-years old through third-graders, are invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary for Time with Children. Children under three are invited to come forward with a parent.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As the Deer, 626
Repeat verse 1

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

A Reading from Genesis 1

HOMILY ONE

God Speaks God's Shalom
Emily Pittman

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

A Reading from the Gospel
of John Chapter 4

HOMILY TWO

Shalom Through Living Water
Morgan Waters

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

A Reading from Psalm 139

HOMILY THREE

A Shalom God Desires to Give

Ben Knoble

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time is provided following the sermon for a few moments of personal reflection and prayer.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:38-39

**For I am convinced that neither life nor death,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers, neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*HYMN 310

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

St. Thomas

THE THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Come”

Written by Ashley Low
(PCM Senior)

Come away with me
The sky calls out
I'll take away your pain
If you seek me out
all I feel is doubt

Feel me in the trees
The sun and the rain
In every person
Who passes your way
I heard from the sea

With me you'll be free
Thus said the wind
Belonging grace and love
You just need to believe
So why do I leave?

In the blood and pain
That's where we'll find you
In laughter and in life
We'll find you there too
I'll see you in blue

Come run away with me
Come fly away with me
Come that's the promise you
whisper
God please

Come run away with me
Come fly away with me
Come that's the promise you
whisper
God please

Come away from the noise
Come back home to my peace
Home, but I'm still craving more
God please

Come away from the noise
Come back home to my peace
Home, but I'm still craving more
God please
God please

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**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

*CLOSING SONG

“Beautiful Things”

Gungor

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change at all
All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground at all

chorus

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found in You

chorus

You make me new, You are making me new
You make me new, You are making me new

chorus

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May the God who breathed life into each of us bless our departing.

Shalom from the One who calls all things Very Good!

May Christ meet each of us at the center of our lives
reminding us we are His,

Shalom from the One who gives us Living Water.

May the Spirit draw us back again and again to the One who always
loves us best, who always says, we are wanted.

**Shalom from the One who is using us to rebuild this kingdom.
Amen.**

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

**You are invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

Welcome to the Fellowship of University Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE is available during both worship services for infants, toddlers, and preschool children, who will be welcomed by our nursery staff. Nursery child check-in is downstairs in room 134. Infants are welcome in the Sanctuary, but the parlor is a wonderful place to calm an anxious baby. A special part of our service is the Time with Children, when they are invited to join the pastor on the chancel steps for a message that connects the worship of the day with their unique understanding.

DURING THE 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE, UPC offers Godly Play for kindergarteners and children who are age four (as of September 1). This is a time of storytelling, wondering, and creative play. Following the Time with Children, kindergarteners and four-year-olds go with the Godly Play Assistant through the door to the left of the pulpit to the Godly Play room. Please contact the Staff Associate for Children's Ministries, Nancy Myer, at nancy@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102 if there is anything we can do to enhance the Sunday morning experience for your entire family.

Worship Notes

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Liturgists:* PCM Students. *Pianist:* Tom Warburton

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Greeters:* PCM Students. *Ushers:* Ron Adams (captain), PCM Students. **At 11:00:** *Greeters:* PCM Students. *Ushers:* Lawrence Sizemore (captain), Bob Johnson, Deborah Jones, Craig Shreve. *Godly Play Leaders:* Beth Furr, Stephanie Duncan. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* John Anderson.

POEM by Ben Knoble

Shattered,
Scattered
a million stars.
Knit together,
Whole,
on earth a single sun—
on earth a single son.

Broken body,
Broken heart,
Broken soul—

Heal me;
Mend me;
Draw me into you.

Tear down my walls.
Redeem my fear and my failures.
Throw back my cloak of truth and lies—
Unmask my scarred face.

Clip the strings of my control.

Swim through me.
Dance with me.
Sing, cry, shout with me.
Clench your fist—
make your palms bleed
your knuckles raw.

Unwind, loosen, detach—
breath with me;
feel your lungs expand, contract;
rest your eyes.

Push out—dispel evil.
Pull in—consecrate me.

Be still and know me.
Be still and let me

see you
hear you
know you.

Please?

WE WELCOME PCM STUDENTS along with their family and friends to join us for lunch today in the Terrace Room after the 11am worship.

MUCH OF THE INSPIRATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP comes from, "The Very Good Gospel; How Everything Wrong Can be Made Right," by Lisa Sharon Harper.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED TODAY: Laura and Shaun Horrigan (Ella and Patrick); Mary Kay and Joe Robinson; Jessica and Jonathan Stewart (Gray and Sam).



Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities
February 23, 2020

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting immediately following the 11:00 service on March 1st for the purpose of electing an elder to fill an unexpired term. Please join us for this brief moment to ensure the continued strength of our church leadership.

Extended Communion Ministry

Deacons will be Extending the Communion Table on Sunday, March 1st. 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 you would like to receive communion in your home please let Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin know at meg@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102, and we would be delighted to make a visit. This ministry is a joy for all involved.

Congregational Retreat

Join us for the 5th annual Congregational Retreat, September 11-13, in Montreat, NC. This year's theme, "Path of Peace" will help us all focus on the peace Christ gives and think about ways to incorporate it into our daily lives. We'll enjoy pottery, hiking, singing, BBQ, and quality fellowship with our church family. Registration opens on Leap Day (2/29)! For more information visit www.upcch.org/retreat

Memorial Garden Volunteers

Jesus was smart to use things like seeds and weeds to describe the kingdom of God. The mystery and magnificence of God's love is hard to bend our brains around all the time, but watching the natural world do it's thing—and better yet—getting our own hands into the dirt to play around with it, is a tangible way to connect to our faith. Literally in the center of our church, the core around which the whole physical plant is shaped, is a garden. It is a place to come and remember that though the grass withers and the flowers fade, the Word of God will stand forever; that in life and in death, we belong to God. The UPC Memorial Garden is a sacred space to practice our faith. If you have interest in helping to tend it every now and then, or be part of the team that ensures its sustenance and health, Pastor Meg would be delighted to talk with you about that. Email meg@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102.

VBS Registration is Now Open!

Mark your calendar for UPC's Vacation Bible School! We will gather June 29-July 2 at New Hope Camp & Conference Center, and our theme will be "Great Big Beautiful World." During the week of VBS, we will discover more about God's love for all of creation and how we are challenged to care for God's world in tangible ways. Online registration for volunteers, UPC member participants, and UPPS families OPENS TODAY and is available for rising 4-year-olds through 5th graders. (Note: This is a change from last year. Children must be 4 years old by 9/1/2020 in order to register.) See more details at upcch.org/vacation-bible-school. Registration for the wider community will open on Sunday, March 15. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org, Megan Crunkleton at meganwolf@mac.com, or Lucy McMillan at lucy.a.mcmillan@gmail.com.

Composting Paper Towels and Cups

Compost paper towels and compostable cups in any bathroom! Please throw used paper towels into a bathroom bin marked “Compost,” NOT the trash can. Bathroom compost bins may also be used to discard UPC’s new, compostable, EcoChoice hot cups, white paper lids and Bare cold cups. Of course, the most eco-friendly way to drink beverages is to bring your own, reusable mug or cup, or use one of the mugs near the coffee machine provided by UPC’s Earth Care Team. Thank you!

Woman to Woman

All women of the church are invited to join the conversation led by the Rev. Carrie Tuttle from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., gathering on Wednesdays in Vance Barron Hall at UPC. This is a wonderful, low-key community of women of faith, who enjoy discussing life, the world around us, and how our faith affects—and is affected by—all we encounter in life. Questions? Email Kate Fiedler (kate@upcch.org).

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

Bible Study: *Evil and the Justice of God* – Join the conversation about this book by N.T. Wright, one of the world’s leading Biblical scholars. Facilitators: Robert Owen and Ed Preston. Location: Stephen Ministry Room.

Living Into Our Earth Care Pledge: PC(USA) Climate Care Challenge – For our final class in the Earth Care series this Sunday, we’ll discuss PC(USA)’s Climate Care Challenge, which is based on faith that prompt action and leadership can keep global climate change from causing its worst impacts. The Climate Care Challenge asks participants to take both personal steps to help decrease the impacts of climate change, as well as outward steps that engage our community. We’ll also discuss and brainstorm what’s next for UPC as we strive to continue Living Into Our Earth Care Pledge as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation.

Visit pcusa.org/ClimateCareChallenge and upcch.org/EarthCare for more Earth Care information. Facilitators: Ashley and John Wilson. Location: Vance Barron Hall.

Crossroads: *The Spirit of the Disciplines* – All are welcome to join the conversation about connecting our faith with our busy lives. This week, join the conversation about the seventh chapter: St. Paul’s Psychology of Redemption. Facilitators: John and Trina Rogers, Juli Kim, and Reid Chisholm. Location: Dunham Hall.

Faith and the Arts: *A Celestial Omnibus* – Come enjoy the engaging discussions with each short story. Luminous fiction on themes of faith and meaning from favorite writers. This week join the discussion about “First Confession” by Frank O’Connor. Facilitator: Jack Benjamin. Location: Terrace Room.

Stephen Ministry at UPC

In Stephen Ministry congregations, lay caregivers (called Stephen Ministers) provide one-to-one Christian care to those in need of care. These may include people who are bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, facing a crisis, or just experiencing difficult times. To learn more, please contact Meg Peery McLaughlin at meg@upcch.org, or visit upcch.org/stephen-ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for, and encourage you; pray with and for you; and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It’s free. It’s confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

Presbyterian Women

Circle 4: Tues., Mar. 3, at 10 a.m. Hostess: Jane Wolf, 500 Formosa Lane, Chapel Hill, 919-448-8188

General Announcements

As a reminder, especially to our new members and visitors, the prayer line is offered as another means of continued support to our church family. If you have a prayer request, please call Betty Lou Cobb at (919) 545-9773 or email her at bbcobb@nc.rr.com.

Social media at UPC: We encourage members to join us on social media to stay up-to-date on everything happening at UPC! Join us on Facebook at facebook.com/upcch and on Instagram @upc_ch (instagram.com/upc_ch). To stay up-to-date with PYC, we invite youth and parents to follow UPC Youth on Twitter @UPCPYC (twitter.com/upcpyc) and Instagram @UPCPYC (instagram.com/upcpyc). Stay “in the know!”

Sanctuary Hearing Loop

A hearing loop is installed in the UPC Sanctuary and is in use by some members of our congregation. We want to be sure all of our members and visitors are aware of the hearing loop and know how to use it. To access the hearing loop anywhere in the main part of the Sanctuary downstairs, those with hearing devices will need to activate their tele-coil (t-coil) on their personal device so that hearing and understanding of the worship service can be enhanced. For those without a tele-coil device, we have several sets of listening devices with headphones available for use during the service. When entering the narthex through the front door, beside the balcony steps on the right, you will see a small chest. There will be a sign designating *Headphones*. An usher will be nearby to offer assistance. Please ask if you have questions. The hearing loop system is only active in the main part of the Sanctuary downstairs. For those using a t-coil hearing device or headphones, you should be able to sit anywhere in the main Sanctuary downstairs to have hearing enhanced. The hearing loop is not available in the Chancel or in the Balcony.

Announcements from the Larger Community

Eyes Ears Nose and Paws (EENP) is looking for help homes for future service dogs in training! These are homes that house a female dog who will be having puppies and help with the rearing of the litter of puppies she has. Puppy gestation is around two months, and pups are in the home for anywhere from 5 to 10 weeks once born. Ideally, these homes have comfort with volunteers in their home, easy access from the space where the litter would be to the outside, and are able to keep the dam in between litters and over multiple litters. Email emily@eenp.org if you're interested.

The award-winning Aeolian Choir from Oakwood University, a Seventh-Day Adventist historically black college/university, will appear in a free concert on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 at First Presbyterian Church in Durham. First Presbyterian is located at the intersection of Roxboro and Main Streets (305 East Main) in downtown Durham. This choir won the GOLD medal in the Best College Choir and Best Spiritual Choir categories in the World Choir Games and is the first HBCU choir to be invited to sing at the American Choral Directors Convention. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music at (919) 682-5511.

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 23 PCM 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
12:00-1:30 PCM Family Day Lunch: Terrace Room
2:30-5:00 PYC Small Groups

Monday, February 24

- 5:00-7:00 Endowment Committee: Vance Barron Hall
7:00-9:00 Nominating Committee: Dunham Hall
7:00-8:30 Membership Committee: Parlor

Tuesday, February 25

- 10:00 Bulletin announcement deadline
1:30-3:00 PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 26

- 11:00-12:30 Woman to Woman: Vance Barron Hall
7:30-8:30 Ash Wednesday Worship: Sanctuary

Thursday, February 27

- 5:00 Materials for Session Packets due
5:30-8:30 PCM Dinner and Program: Terrace Room
7:30-8:30 UPPS Committee Meeting: Youth Center

Sunday, March 1

- 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
9:45-10:45 HS Sunday School:
 Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
9:45-10:30 Haiti Team Meeting: PCM Lounge
12:00- Congregational Meeting: Sanctuary
3:45-4:10 Children's Choir:
 Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
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 Youth Group: Fellowship Hall,
 Youth Center, Youth Room (136)

Monday, March 2

- 7:00-8:00 Men's Breakfast: Terrace Room
6:00-7:00 Global Outreach: Vance Barron Hall
7:00-9:00 Nominating Committee: Dunham Hall
7:00-8:30 Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministry Room

Tuesday, March 3

- 10:00 Bulletin announcement deadline
7:30-8:30 Young Adults Gathering: Room 136

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

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