

United Presbyterian Church
March 15, 2026 4th Sunday in Lent



Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease
Prelude Noah Keyees, piano

Call to Worship *from Ephesians 5:8-14 NRSV* Deacon Vera Heitink, Liturgist
Liturgist: Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

People: We will walk as children of light!

Liturgist: The fruit of the light is found in all that is good, right, and true.

People: We are here to find what is pleasing to the Lord.

Liturgist: Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead!

People: And Christ will shine on us!

All: Let us worship in the light of our Savior!

***Opening Hymn** *What Wondrous Love Is This* #85

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

To all and to each, where regret is real, God pronounces pardon, and gives us the grace to begin again. Together, let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

**O God, bring new life where we are worn and tired,
new love where we have turned hard-hearted,
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded,
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit
where we are prisoners of ourselves.**

**We call upon your saving mercy, O God,
and pray that you will lead us in a new direction. – all pray in silence.**

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: Praise to the living Christ, hanged on a tree, yet risen in the morning. Christ scatters the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills.

Let us welcome the grace of Christ in our hearts to begin what we do, to inform what we say and to redeem who we are.

People: Thanks be to God!

**Gloria Patri #579*

***Passing of the Peace**

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Liturgist: Let us share that peace with one another.

Prayer for Illumination – Liturgist

Gracious and Holy God: give us Diligence to seek Thee, Wisdom to perceive Thee, Eyes to behold Thee, a Heart to meditate upon Thee, and a Life to proclaim Thee; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for Meditation

UPC Quartet

Gospel Lesson *John 9: 1 – 41*—Minister Haddad

Minister: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon *Lord, Open Our Eyes* Lay Minister Alejandra Haddad

**Hymn of Response Open My Eyes that I May See #324*

Affirmation of faith (Psalm 23:1-6) led by Lay Minister Alejandra Haddad
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Lay Minister Alejandra Haddad
**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**

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** *All Hail to God's Anointed* #205

Charge and Benediction Lay Minister Alejandra Haddad

Postlude Noah Keyes, piano

** Please stand if you are able*

United Presbyterian Church Prayer List

The family of Nabil Turk as they mourn his loss

Kevin Roby Virginia Kathleen Anita

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

People of Middle East & Cyprus, Georgia, Nigeria, Sudan & Ukraine

Hemenway Memorial Presbyterian Church, Boonville is a thriving congregation seeking to serve God's people in all areas of life: spiritual, emotional, mental, physical health, family cohesiveness and financial. We desire to grow in spiritually while living out God's call by being the hands and feet of Jesus and serving the world. We're present in suffering and happiness-in tears and laughter. We yearn to make a difference one day and one life at a time.

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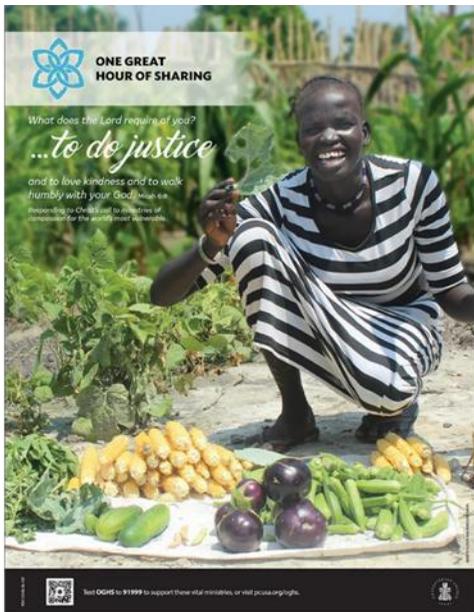
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Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m. Fellowship – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.



A Call to Do Justice, Love Kindness and Walk Humbly



The prophet Micah issues a call “to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.”

One Great Hour of Sharing

... does just that, working for justice around the world with partners who know the needs of their own communities. A way churches are answering the call is through grassroots organizing, a faith-rooted approach to addressing systemic injustices within local contexts.

The One Great Hour of Sharing PC(USA) Special Offering will be received at UPC on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.