

United Presbyterian Church
March 22, 2026 5th Sunday in Lent



Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease
Prelude *Pretty Place* Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship Jim Haverstock, Liturgist

Liturgist: Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

People: Let your ears hear our supplication.

Liturgist: We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

People: We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.

Liturgist: Come. Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** *Our Cities Cry to You, O God* #437

Call to Confession

Psalm 130 reminds us that our God is loving and merciful. Let us come before God now, together and then privately and silently, to confession our sin.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with the liturgist)

God, we are a busy people. We become pre-occupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin – all pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 130, The Message)

“If you, God, kept records of wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that’s why you’re worshiped.”

Friends, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we come before you now to worship you and listen to your Word. Open our ears to hear. May we understand your Word more fully and follow the path you have set before us. Amen.

**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.

Music for Meditation

UPC Quartet

Scripture Lessons

Psalms 130—Liturgists Haverstock

Ezekiel 37:1 – 14 – Reverend Lenz

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

Sermon *Can these Bones Live?* Reverend Dr. Edie Lenz

**Hymn of Praise I Danced in the Morning* #302

Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed traditional) led by Rev. Lenz

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the

communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Elder Don Root
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: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #281

Charge and Benediction Rev. Dr. Edie Lenz

Postlude *He Lives* Benjamin Watkins, piano

* Please stand if you are able

United Presbyterian Church Prayer List

The family of the Mooresville soldier killed in the conflict with Iran as well as the families of all the soldiers who've lost their lives in the conflict

Kevin Roby Virginia Kathleen Anita

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

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

First Presbyterian Church in Brazil, Rev. Lee Reberger, pastor, continues to provide traditional worship and education (with a vibrant youth program). We also provide meals for the community Sunday night (52 weeks a year). We emphasize the need for all church members to identify opportunities to invite others to visit our church. We also participate in "Sacred Places" which emphasizes community involvement. Thank God for our past and future.

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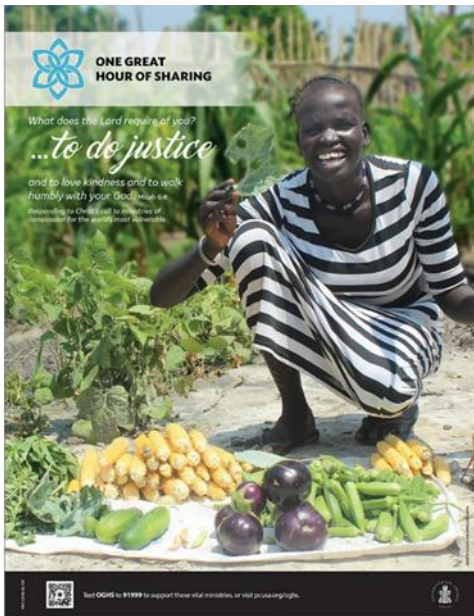
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Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m. Fellowship – 11:00 a.m.

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.