

News and Information

Welcome - Welcome to University Presbyterian Church, a PC(USA) congregation that has been pursuing social justice since 1966. You are invited to sign the register at the back of the church if you are worshipping here for the first time. Members are encouraged to wear name tags, which are available in the work room. Please join us for coffee in the fellowship hall following the service. For more information on the life and work of this congregation, please contact Ron Gilmer.

Greeting and Announcements - All are welcomed and encouraged to make announcements of interest to the congregation when invited to do so. The session suggests that announcements be as brief as possible and encourages you to submit announcements in writing to the church office (upsa@bellsouth.net) so that they may be included in the weekly newsletter. Announcements received by 8 a.m. on Thursdays will appear in the following Sunday's newsletter.

Thanks, Shannon Kee—Shannon Kee, who has been worshipping here regularly and active in the GLBT and Friends group this spring, will be relocating to Memphis soon. Shannon is a talented musician who will be sharing her gifts with us, in glory to God, during the Prayers of the People this morning.

Memorials— Flowers for Mother's Day have been provided by Bill Henderson in honor of his mother, Lucy M. Henderson.

Thanks, Patrick - Patrick Rish will be graduating from the University of Alabama this spring. With graduation comes the end of his service to UPC. His last Sunday with us will be May 10. Please let him know that you appreciate his work among us, giving all glory, honor and praise to God for bringing Patrick into our midst.

Session— The next stated meeting of the session will be next Sunday, May 17, immediately after worship. Please meet in the library and bring a bag lunch.

Congratulations, Rebecca Ella Biermann - Our thoughts and prayers are with Beccy Biermann as she graduates from Northridge High School this year. The commencement ceremony will take place at Northridge Stadium, Friday, May 22, 7 p.m.

Covered Dish Dinner - The UPC Deacons are planning a joint covered dish dinner with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation to raise awareness of hunger issues in Tuscaloosa. The basic idea is that everyone bring a covered dish to share for dinner as well as a canned good to be donated to the food pantry. This event will be held in our fellowship hall on May 13 at 6:30 p.m..

Lectionary Study Group— The reading for May 12th will be Acts 10:44-48.

May Birthdays- 2-Chelley Alexander, 5- Robert DuPree, 9-Tiffany Washington, 10-Beccy Bierman, 11-Jack Shelton and Julia Hartman, 13-Christina Andreen, 14-Denise Yanaura and Laura Hutton, 17-Thomas Haygood

Attendance - April 26- 38 + 2 nursery, May 3—41 + 1 nursery

Sunday Assignments

May 10

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Julia Hartman
Ushers Adam and Paige Miller
Welcomer Julia Hartman
Greeter Torry Ryan

May 17

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Steve Borrelli
Ushers Becca Bierman and Quincy Hall
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Ann Webb

Lectionary Readings

May 10

Acts 8:26-40
Ps. 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 17

Acts 10:44-48
Ps. 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Let us Pray.....

Torry Ryan, Aaron Chun, Michael Yampolsky,
James Walker, Marie and Joe Stone, Jill Martindale,
Regina Lassiter, Robert Robinson, Lois Field,
Wilma Warren, Martha Folmar, Jackie Reid, Kay VanLuvender, Carl Washington,
Carla Hall and Frederick Washington.

This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Coffee Hour
10:30 Choir warm-up
11:00 Worship
12:00 Deacon's Lunch

Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
5:15-6:30 Choir practice
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wed. 11-2 Food Pantry Set-up
5:00 Deacon's Meeting
6:30 Hunger Awareness Dinner

Thurs. 5:00 Friends of Arboretum

Friday 11:30 Finance Committee Meeting
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Elders

Steve Borrelli Robert Spencer
Nancy DuPree Garry Warren
Linda Grote Ann Webb
Julia Hartman John Whitehead
Gillie Presley
Lena Prewitt

Deacons

Robert DuPree
Carla Hall
Paige Miller
Torry Ryan

Mission Statement

We come together as the body of Christ, an expression of God's grace in this community. We are bound together in God's steadfast love and in our mutual love and support for one another. We honor a special commitment to provide nurture, support and encouragement to students. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live with compassion, to work for justice, to integrate faith and learning and to celebrate the gift of our life together. Since God's love excludes no one, our mission is to be inclusive. We trust that in God's time and by God's grace, God will destroy all barriers. We resolve to erect no barriers while working to overcome existing ones. Recognizing that we do not possess all the truth all the time, we affirm a variety of expressions of life and faith. This is an open church. You are welcome here.

Ron Gilmer, Pastor Stated Hours: Monday 10:00-11:00 and Thursday 10:00-12:00 noon
Carolyn MacVicar, Secretary, Office Hours: Monday 8-2, Tuesday 8-11:30, Thursday 8-11:30, Friday 10-2

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William Henderson, Director of Music
Patrick Rish, Organist

*“University Presbyterian Church is a More Light Congregation,
an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”*

May 10, 2009– 11:00 a.m.
5th Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Adagio for Strings

Barber/Strickland

OPENING SENTENCES

1 John 4:7,9-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent God's Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

*HYMN SNC #129

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

CONFESSION OF SIN

based on 1 John 4:13-18

Holy One, by this we know that we abide in you and you in us, because you have given us your Spirit. We confess that Jesus is the Son of God and abide in you. We know and believe the love that you have for us. You are love, and your love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as you are, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear as to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because you first loved us. We confess our fear. We pray that we will be more loving. We pray for boldness. In Jesus' name and for his sake...

KYRIE

arr. Healey Willan, 1930



Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

Thomas Keesecker



Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, gloria in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julia Hartman

FIRST READING

Psalms 22:25-31 (OT p. 501)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 8:26-40 (NT p. 127)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

*Have We Any Gift Worth Giving
(Costly Gifts)*

Alfred Fedak

SERMON

Look, Here Is Water!

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Acts 10:34b-43

God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears the Lord and does what is right is acceptable to God. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Risen Christ, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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DOXOLOGY PH #455

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All creatures, your Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness.*

O sing ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise Creator, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

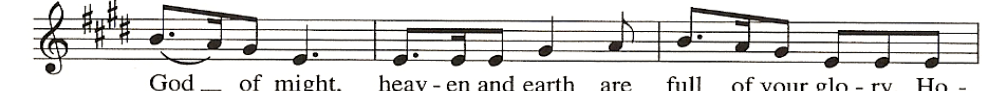
It is right to give our thanks and praise....

SANCTUS

McDowell Fogle



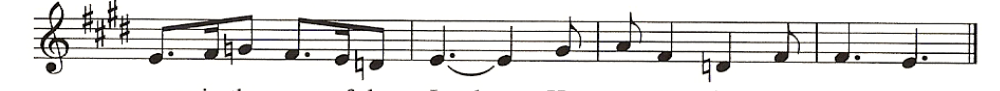
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God _ of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. _ Ho - san-na in the high - est!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

McDowell Fogle



Dy - ing, you de - stroyed _ our death; ris - ing you re -



stored our life, Lord Je - sus, come _ _ in glo - ry!

LORD'S PRAYER

Please begin, "Our Mother and Father God, who art in heaven..."



A - men! _ A - men! _ A - men! _ A - men!

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please gather at the Lord's Table. When giving the bread, it is appropriate to say, "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven." When giving the cup, it is appropriate to say, "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN PH #371

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Hebrew 13:20, 21

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever!

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Processional on "Hymn to Joy"

Jordan