



UNIVERSITY  
*Presbyterian*  
CHURCH

a welcoming, gathered, and scattered community

**Sunday March 30, 2025**

Our Mission is to make *disciples* of Christ who  
*glorify God* and *love their neighbors*  
all through  
the power of the *Holy Spirit*.



*Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.*

*Amen*

## ***Welcome***

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We are so glad you're here today! Whether it's your first time at UPC or your first time at church altogether, we just want you to know that you're welcome here.

If you have any questions about what you are seeing today, becoming members, or life at UPC we invite you to reach out. We invite you to connect with one of our Deacons at [UPCdeacons@upclc.com](mailto:UPCdeacons@upclc.com)



## ***Preparing for worship***

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Jesus invites us to come as we are, knowing He will not leave us there. So, we invite you to take a few moments of quiet reflection before the service to prepare your heart for worship.

## ***Parents with small children***

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We understand parenting is challenging! In an effort to support you, we offer a staffed nursery for our youngest ones (ages 0-3) during each worship service. However, our hope is for our children to participate in corporate worship as soon as they are able.

# Order of Worship

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 95:1-7*

**Leader:** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**Congregation:** For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**Leader:** Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**All:** For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

### “All My Boast Is In Jesus “

What wonder of wonders what love is this  
That Christ would die for me  
His goodness His merit His righteousness  
This sinner’s only plea  
O foolish pride be crucified  
The work is finished.

All my boast is in Jesus



### ***Call to Worship***

A formal invitation to the congregation to enter corporate worship. It is drawn from Scripture and unites the congregation in acknowledging God's presence and preparing their hearts for worship.



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All my hope is His love  
And I will glory forever  
In what the cross has done.

Now fully forgiven my life is filled  
With graces undeserved  
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill  
Let praises now return  
Rise up my soul and bless the Lord  
Who else is worthy.

O praise the One forever blessed  
Him alone my heart adores  
And I will boast in nothing less  
Than the love of Christ my Lord.

I boast not in riches in strength or might  
But in the grace of God  
I glory in weakness to live is Christ  
In plenty or in want  
That I may know that all may see  
His pow'r within me.

Now I stand in His freedom  
Ransomed clean in His sight  
And I cannot be ashamed for  
My boast is Jesus Christ  
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## **\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Romans 12:9–21*

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Book of Common Prayer - 1552*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not



### **A Call to Confession**

It is an invitation to bring our sins before The LORD.

Because of Christ’s work on the cross, we can confess freely, knowing that in Him, there is no condemnation, only grace and restoration.

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to have done, and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are repentant, according to your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### **\* WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Luke 24:46–47*

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

**Congregation:** Amen

**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Congregation:** The Maker of heaven and earth.

**Leader:** O Lord, open our lips,

**Congregation:** and our mouths will sing your praise.

### **“A Debtor To Mercy “**

A debtor to mercy alone, Of covenant mercy I sing.  
I come with Your righteousness on, My humble off'ring to bring.

The judgments of Your holy law  
With me can have nothing to do.



#### ***Words of Assurance***

These words are an invitation to rest in God's grace. He declares that all who repent and believe in Jesus are completely forgiven from all of their sins and their guilt, wiped clean.



*Song by  
Montague*

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The work which Your goodness began  
The arm of Your strength will complete.  
Your promise is yes and amen, And never was forfeited yet.

The future or things that are now,  
No power below or above,  
Can make You Your purpose forego,  
Or sever my soul from Your love.

My name from the palms of Your hands  
Eternity will not erase. Impressed on Your heart it remains,  
In marks of indelible grace.

Yes, I to the end will endure, Until I bow down at Your throne,  
Forever and always secure, Forever and always secure,  
Forever and always secure A debtor to mercy alone.

Augustus Montague Toplady, Kevin Twit  
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## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken “**

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion city of our God  
He whose word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for His own abode  
On the rock of ages founded.  
What can shake thy sure repose?



### ***Intercessory Prayer***

We cry out  
together for grace,  
mercy, and  
provision in a time  
of need.



### ***Tithes and Offerings***

We give back to  
God the portion  
of our wealth  
and talents that  
he calls his in  
recognition that  
they all  
come from him.  
These gifts help  
support the  
mission and  
ministries of  
the church. Some  
of us choose to  
put an offering  
in the plate,  
while others give  
online .



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if you're able.

With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love  
Well supplies Thy sons and daughters,  
And all fears of want removes  
Who can faint while such a river,  
Ever flows their thirst to quench?  
Grace which like the Lord the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
Washed in the Redeemer's blood  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on  
Makes them kings and priests to God  
'Tis His love His people raises,  
Over self to reign as kings,  
And as priests His solemn praises,  
Each for a thank off'ring brings.

Savior if of Zion's city,  
I, through grace, a member am  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy Name  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know.

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*Song by  
Newton*

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## \*“Doxology”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Amen!

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*You can find  
in Trinity 733*

**\*SCRIPTURE READING:** Silas Heerema

*John 5:1-18*

**Leader:** The grass withers, the flower fades,

**Congregation:** but the word of our God will stand forever.

**SERMON:** Picking a Fight

Rick Downs

## \*CONFESSON OF FAITH

*Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1*

**Leader:** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**Congregation:** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

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also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All those who have publicly professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, are repentant of their sins, and are baptized members of a church where the gospel is loved and proclaimed are warmly invited to participate in the Lord's Supper with us. For those who you have not yet trusted in Jesus, please let these elements pass by you. We would love to talk to you about your relationship with the Lord after the service.*

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

### “For All the Saints “

For all the saints, who from their labor's rest,  
To Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu.

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, Their one true light.  
Alleluia, Allelu.

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Allelu.



We invite those seated closest to the pulpit to come to the table first. Please file through outer isles and back up middle isle.

Wine is in the clear cups  
Juice is in the purple cups.

Please take the bread as you receive it. Hold onto the cup, as we will drink it together signifying our unity in the body of Christ.



*Song by  
Walsham*

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The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,  
Alleluia. Allelu.

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way,  
Alleluia. Allelu.

From earth's wide bounds, From ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia Alleluia

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### **\* MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

**Congregation:** Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

### **\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**“God So Loved “**

Come all you weary Come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners Come find His mercy  
Come to the table He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there With open arms

Praise God Praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him Praise Him  
For the wonders of His love

The power of hell forever defeated Now it is well  
I'm walking in freedom For God so loved God so loved the world

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## \* **BENEDICTION**



### ***Benediction***

A  
pronouncement  
of God's blessing  
and commission  
upon His  
people as they  
are sent into the  
world. It is more  
than a closing  
prayer—it is a  
declaration of  
God's grace,  
peace, and  
presence. We  
depart with this  
**“good Word”** as  
a reassurance of  
His  
faithfulness and  
a charge to walk  
in obedience and  
faith throughout  
the week.

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## *Announcements*

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- New Member Seminar for those who want to learn more about making UPC their church home. Sun., April 6—May 25 from 9-9:45am in Classroom #2
- Passport Night on Wed., April 2 from 5—7pm in the Great Room. Our guest will be Katie Leonard (BacktoBack Ministries). Family dinner will consist of Bosnian food. Evening events include copper pressing, potato sack races and many other fun stuff.
- Ministry of the Week— Pray for Tito & Kim Padilla. Pray for safe travel for Tito as he travels to Honduras from Ecuador.
- Take RUF Bible Study Students a Meal. Feed 12-15 hungry college students. Call Sarah Hartzell @575-528-8223 for info.
- There is a staff position opening at our church for a part time Campus Assistant. Please submit a resume & contact a deacon or Mark if you know someone who is interested.

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## *This Week at UPC*

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**Wed:** Passport Night, 5:00pm  
Family Dinner, 5:00pm  
Youth Group, 6:30pm  
Kids for Christ, 6:30pm  
Evening Prayer, 6:30pm

**Thurs:** Women's Bible Study, 9:00am  
Worship Team practice, 6:00pm

**Sun:** Corporate prayer time with John Pummell, 8:15  
Officer Training, 8:30am  
Adult Education/Youth-Children

Sunday School, 9:00am  
Worship, 10:00am

**Mon:** Celebrate Recovery, 5:00pm

**Tues:** Men's Book Study @Milagro, 7:00am  
Women's evening Bible study, 6:45pm



## Pastoral Staff

Rick Downs, **Interim Pastor**

Daniel Davalos, **RUF Campus Minister**

## Church Staff

Mark Hernandez, **Office Manager**

Samantha Lish, **Bookkeeper**

Pat Garcia, **Bulletin Production**

Omar Marquez, **Grounds**

## Elders

John Anderson

Richard Heerema

David Moon

John Pummell

Robin Rose

## Deacons

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