

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

Color: Violet

The observance of the Lenten discipline among Christians is a time to seek restoration for our lives. It is a time to reflect, take stock of our spiritual condition, and realign our lives. <https://www.umdiscipleship.org/resources/transfiguration-sunday-why-do-we-celebrate-it-before-lent>

PRELUDE: Come and enter the presence of God and prepare yourself for worship. Join us in enjoying God's presence as Martha Dienst and our worship team leads us in songs of praise.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

†**OPENING SONG OF WORSHIP:** *Blessed Be Your Name*
The Processional and Illumination

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively) Based on Psalm 5:7-8
Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, we will enter your house.

All: I will bow down in your holy temple in honor and respect of who you are.

Leader: Lead us, O Lord, in your righteousness

All: make our way straight before you and all people. Amen

†**SONGS OF WORSHIP:** *Here I Am To Worship;*
Come As You Are

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Pastor Cal

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: **Choir Anthem: "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"**

† Doxology # 95

† Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN and YOUTH PRAYER

SONG OF MEDITATION: *Blessed Assurance* Hymn # 369

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

We share words of celebration and thanksgiving

We share our prayer needs and petitions

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

Congregation: And also with you

Pastor: Lord have mercy.

Congregation: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: Let us pray

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament lesson: **Daniel 9:1-6**

PEW BIBLE 771

New Testament lesson: **2Corinthians 7:8-11** **PEW BIBLE 1007**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

†**GLORIA PATRI:**

Hymn # 71

Lenten Series: What is Lent all about?

TODAY'S MEDITATION: *Godly Grief*

Pastor Cal

†**CLOSING HYMN:** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Hymn # 110
The Recessional

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

† All who are able, please stand.

Thank You for turning off your cell phones and bringing only water into the sanctuary ☺

The flowers on the altar this morning are in remembrance of Phyllis Whitaker, given by Jim & Paula Whitaker.

Upcoming Events:

- **Stewardship Giving Tree:** You will see a tree out in the narthex asking for items to be donated to the church, We ask that you take a bird or two off the tree and bring the donation back to us on March 11th! There will be no receipt provided towards the cost of these donation and we thank you in advance!
- **Ladies Fellowship-** Fairy Garden Activity Sat. Feb 24th 10am United Parish, pot luck lunch, \$10.00 per-person to Cindy Carvill, All Ladies are welcome!
- **Men's Fellowship-** If you are interesting in going on a fishing trip please sign up in the narthex, more information to follow!

Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!

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Greeters: MARK & CINDY

LANDANNO

Ushers: WAYNE & JANE

CRESPO

Co-leader: ROBERT DUVAL

February 25, 2018

Greeters: KATRINA FLEMING
& IAN BUSSIERE

Ushers: JAMES & JOHN JOSLIN

Co-leader: MARTHA DIENST

Pastor: F. Calvin Miller

Senior Deacon: Marvin

Bernstein

Fellow Deacons: Cindy Carvill, Katrina Fleming, Robert Duval,
Martha Dienst, Ian Bussiere, Dakota Wood, Richard Graves &

Deb Scortico

Children's Ministry: Brandy Wood

Youth Director: Jennie LeBlanc

Office Administrator: Cheri Comer

Church Sexton: James Lemmer

Nursery Attendant: Kayte Richtarcsik

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NEW Office Hours:

Monday 8am – 1pm

Tuesday 8am – 1pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 8am – 1pm

Friday 8am – 3pm

Saturday Closed

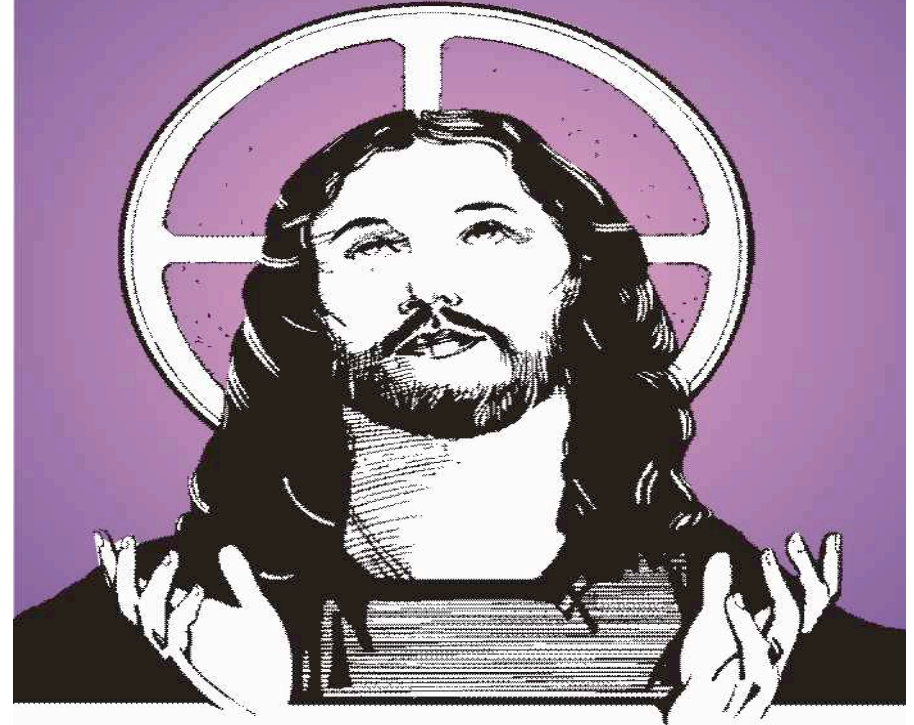
Sunday Service 10AM

Pastor Cal's cell phone: 978.828.4706

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**“The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God
has come near;
repent, and believe
in the good news.”
Mark 1.15**



Offering for the week of February 4, 2018

General \$1,020.50 Missions \$87.50 Loose Offering \$232.00

Envelope Cost \$3.00 Communion \$41.00 Ash Wednesday \$10.00

Trust Fund \$5,000.00 Redeposit \$300.00

Total \$6,694.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

Offering for the week of February 11, 2018

General \$1,224.50 Missions \$39.50 Loose Offering \$366.00

Steeple Lighting \$5.00 Church Rental \$50.00 Ash Wednesday \$8.00

Envelope Cost \$2.00 Redeposit \$7.00

Total \$1,702.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

**UNITEDPARISH CHURCH
FEBRUARY 18, 2018
PASTOR F. CALVIN MILLER**