



# **“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019**

## ***MISSION STATEMENT***

**Union Congregational Church, is a community of diverse believers, sharing with one another and accepting of all. With God's unconditional love, we come together to worship, to nurture each other and to reach out with love to all persons.**



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## THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*(Please turn off all electronic devices – they interfere with the organ)*

**WE GATHER AS PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY God**

***“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here!”***

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Torri Vande Zande

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”

### TIME OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

Leader: “Do not pass me by”, the stranger cries, hungry from lack of food.

**Response: We are neighbors to those in need of nutrition.**

Leader: “Do not pass me by”, the battered spouse cries, trapped in an abusive relationship.

**Response: We are neighbors to those in need of protection.**

Leader: “Do not pass me by”, the LGBTQ teenager cries, homeless after their family rejects them for who they are.

**Response: We are neighbors to those in need of belonging.**

Leader: "Do not pass me by" the black life cries, dying on American streets quickly from violent oppression and slowly from the poverty of inequality.

**Response: We are neighbors to those in need of justice.**

Leader: "Do not pass me by", Jesus cries, whose face is reflected in all who are oppressed, victimized, beset by tragedy and in need.

**Response: We are neighbors to the stranger among us to whom we are called to be radically hospitable. We are neighbors to the world around us to which we are called to share God's shalom.**

### **PRAYER (Unison)**

**Lord of justice and mercy, we come to You this day seeking Your unconditional love and grace. We confess sometimes we fall short of welcoming those who You love. We create barriers and excuses not to love others the way You want us to. Forgive us when we are not generous in our hospitality and teach us to be more like You. Amen.**

### **SONG "Gather"**

### **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** (Greeting our neighbors, extending hands)

Leader: The peace of God be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

### **PRAISE SONG "Sing to the Glory"**

**Sing to the glory of the God who creates us,  
Sing to the glory of the Christ who redeems us,  
Sing to the glory of the Holy Spirit, who sustains and comforts us;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end, world without end, world without end. Amen.**

### **WE LISTEN FOR GODS WORDS**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM "They asked, "Who's My Neighbor?""**

### **SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-37**

### **SERMON "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"**

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### **WE RESPOND IN THOUGHTS, WORDS AND DEEDS**

### **SONG "Help Us Accept Each Other" (vs. 1, 2 & 4)**

Supplemental Hymnal

**SHARING OF JOYS IN CONCERNS (Praises and prayer requests)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our God, in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for yours is the kingdom, and the power and glory forever. Amen.**

**THE OFFERING OF OUR TALENTS AND TREASURE**

**DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all the Love has done;  
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

**PRAYER (Unison)**

**God, receive our gifts to use to Your glory. Use them to reach those who feel outcasted, rejected and unloved. May these offerings be used to further Your kingdom here on earth. In Christ's name. Amen.**

**SONG "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (vs. 1, 2 & 4)**

**BENEDICTION**

**SONG "May God's Blessing"  
May God's blessing shine upon us,  
May we go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
Amen, Amen**

**POSTLUDE**



## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10:

Happy Birthday: Gigi Bursch  
10:00 AM Worship Service in Friendship Hall  
10:00 AM Nursery downstairs for infants – 4 years old  
11:00 AM COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP in the Friendship Hall  
12:30 PM BINGO at the Hub fundraiser for Hackensack Area Food Shelf

### MONDAY, MARCH 11:

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Upper Room Bible Study (Library)  
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Bone Builders (Lower Level)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12:

9:30 AM Congregational Life/Called to Care  
3:00 PM Pastor at Birchview

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13:

Happy Birthday: Tim Hoppe  
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Bone Builders (Lower Level)  
5:30 PM Lent Service at St. Paul's

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14:

1:00 PM Women's Fellowship

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15:

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Morning Out (Lower Level)  
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Bone Builders (Lower Level)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16:

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17:

Happy Birthday: Kristi Bodahl  
10:00 AM Worship Service in Friendship Hall  
10:00 AM Nursery downstairs for infants – 4 years old  
11:00 AM COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP in the Friendship Hall  
5:30 PM Games in Friendship Hall

**NOTE: Birthday's last week were not listed in the bulletin. They were:**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Heidi Hoppe**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> – Cathy Iversen**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> – Dennis Meyer**

**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** - Join us in the Library for coffee and conversation at 10:00 AM. Bible Study is 10:30 - 11:30 AM. We use Upper Room materials.

**FRIDAY MORNING OUT** meets weekly from 9:00 AM - Noon. Preschool kids welcomed for free play, art, music and snacks while parents, grandparents, and others keep appointments, run errands, or other activities. Check with Sue J. If you are new to the program. Open to the community at no cost to family.

**FAMILY TABLE** (Will not be meeting during Lent)

**LENTEN CHOIR REHEARSALS** – Will be held at St. Paul's Church with the first practice being Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> following Ash Wednesday services (6:30PM). The second will be Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM

**BINGO! – FOODSHELF FUNRAISER** – The Hub in Hackensack is hosting a Bingo and Silent Auction to support the Hackensack Area Food Shelf on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00PM – Doors open at 12:30PM. Dessert and Coffee will be provided. Please bring a can food to donate.

**MOVIE DAY** is coming on the 4th Tuesday! Since we like variety, March 26th we will show Mary Poppins Returns. Please invite friends and family to Movie Day at Union Church. Community is welcome!

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** – will be Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> following the worship service in the Library.

**March is Food Shelf Month**  
**Please watch for opportunities to support your local Food Shelves**  
**(Hackensack and Walker)**