

Union Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 8, 2020



God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



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We are glad that you are with us today as we worship!

Please join us for light refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall after the service.

There is a staffed nursery for children through age 4.

There are Busy Baskets in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

*An asterisk * indicates "please stand if you are comfortable doing so."*

***Boldface** indicates passages to be read by all.*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bob Marrone

Prelude: Rustle of Spring (Singing)

Mary Ann Fleming

Call to Worship

Listen, can you hear the wind?

We hear it as it whistles through trees.

Can you feel the wind?

We feel it warm and soothing on a summer's day, cold and biting in winter.

Can you see the wind?

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3:8)

*Hymn **The Morning Light is Breaking**

#305, red hymnal

Morning Prayer

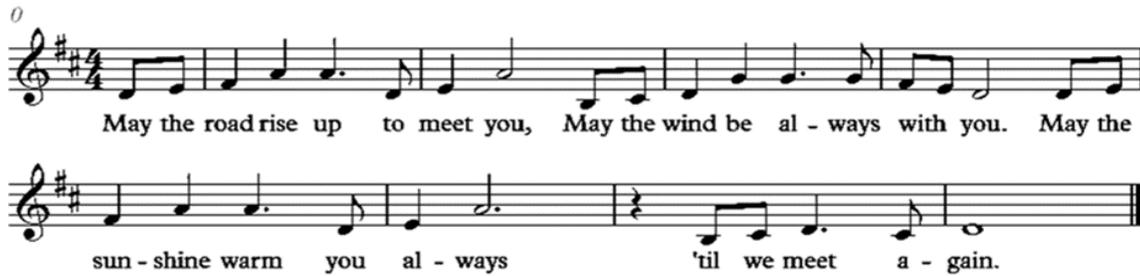
Creator of the universe, you are the God of rushing winds swirling over mountains and across the plains, the God of mighty gusts driving clouds and current around the earth. The winds of time are yours, a century is but a moment in your sight. This morning we ask for the wind of your Spirit to blow through your church, stirring us with your courage, moving us with your compassion, filling us with your hope. With each breath we take, may we feel your presence. Amen.

Message for All Ages: **All children** are invited to the front, and then to **Sunday School**.

Sharing God's Gifts with Thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem: Breathe

Senior Choir and Tower Ringers



The flowers on the altar today are given by Todd Hollis in honor of Scouts Sunday

Please keep in your prayers this week:

Barbara; Nancy; Win; Bev; Regina; Christopher; Tom and Margo; Sue; Dr. Pete; Brittney Elizabeth; Dick; Liz; Amy and Karyssa; Carl; Cadence; Rick and Judi; Deb; Kathleen; Priscilla; Seth; migrant and immigrant families; our country and its government; all those with hidden challenges or sorrows

To add/remove names from the prayer list, please call the church office by 10 a.m. Wednesday.

SERVING TODAY

Deacons: Katie and Mike

Pulpit Assistant: Martha

Ushers: Debbie and Sharon

Nursery Care: Amy

Coffee Hour: Girl Scout Troop 12300

NOTES

IF YOU ARE OUR GUEST TODAY, please take a moment to sign our **Welcome Guest** card, found in the pew pocket in front of you, and put it in the offering plate as it passes by. If you have trouble hearing the service, please ask an usher or a deacon for a hearing assistive device. Anyone would be more than happy to help.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS: You'll find the yellow cards in the pew pockets in front of you. They are for those who might feel uncomfortable about sharing verbally with the congregation, and should be placed in the offering plate.

CHURCH BYTE: Please send any announcements for the next Church Byte to the office by **10 a.m.** on **Thursday** (earlier if possible). Thank you!

God put the wiggle in children.
Please don't try to take it out!

Office hours: Mon.–Fri., 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Pastor's office hours: Mon.–Thurs., 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

This Week's Calendar: March 1-7

Sunday	11:15 am 7 pm	Meditation Spring Interfaith Music at UU Church
Monday	4 pm 5:30 pm	Girl Scouts Community Supper
Tuesday	8:30 am 11 am 11:30 am 6:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Planning Tuesday Lunch Table Music Committee Mtg Paint Night Maintenance Committee Mtg
Wednesday	10 am 7 pm	Bible Study Monadnock Chorus
Thursday	2 pm 6:30 pm 7 pm 7:30 pm	RiverMead Service Bells and Junior Choirs AA Senior Choir
Saturday	9:30 am	Diaconate

Have you remembered Union Congregational in your will?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY'S LUNCH TABLE: Sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, it is open **Tuesdays from 11:00 – 12:30**. Bring a sandwich or whatever main course you want and we will supply drinks, a dessert goodie (or you can bring something to share), community, and conversation. WFSTC (Women's Fellowship Steering Committee) thought there might be friends out there who would like to have lunch with someone else. So give us a try; come alone or bring a friend. "The more the merrier!" See you Tuesday?

THINKING ABOUT CHURCH CAMP? Women's Fellowship has some funds for church camp scholarships. If you're interested, please contact Carele or Judy by March 31.

SPRING INTERFAITH MUSIC CELEBRATION: This evening, March 8th, at 7 PM, the Greater Peterborough Interfaith Council will sponsor the Spring Interfaith Music Celebration, hosted by Peterborough's U.U. Church on Main Street. Our church and several other faiths will each be presenting one piece of music for an inspiring evening. The event is free, but cash donations will be accepted for End 68 Hours of Hunger.

BECOME A PULPIT ASSISTANT VOLUNTEER: Would you like to serve as a Pulpit Assistant at UCC? Pulpit Assistants help with the prayers and readings during our service. The bulletin will be emailed to you several days before so that you can become familiar with the material. And Pastor Bob is always nearby if you have a questions during the service! Pulpit Assistants generally serve between 2-3 times during the year.

Please contact Laura if you are interested in helping in this way.

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MEDITATION FOR LENT: Each Sunday during Lent we will again be holding meditation sessions after the service. The goal being to demonstrate how people might achieve a closer relationship with God through meditation. Each week a different church member will demonstrate their technique for meditation. The sessions will be held in the Parlor and will run from 10-20 minutes. Please join us and observe the different techniques. Perhaps one of the techniques will be a perfect fit for you.

SPRING POTLUCK SUPPER: Mark your calendars for **Friday, March 20**, for the church's next yummy Potluck! Our Spring Potluck Supper begins at **6:00**. Afterward we'll follow the clues for our Bible Verse Scavenger Hunt. There will be a **signup sheet on the bulletin board** so we can "balance the menu". Come bring a favorite dish and enjoy a good time with caring friends! (Bringing your own plate, cup, and flatware will speed things up for the cleanup crew.)

MAKING EASTER TREATS: Would you like to share a fun activity while helping students in the **End 68 Hours of Hunger** program? We'll be **assembling Easter treats for students** on **Monday, March 30**, at two different times. Come to church at **9:30 a.m.** or **right after that Monday Night Supper...or both!**

Open and Affirming Covenant of Welcome

Jesus accepts all people.

We aspire to follow his example.

We gladly invite and welcome all persons into the life and ministry of this faith community and to full participation in all the sacraments and rites of this church.

Since we believe that all people are created in the image of God and are loved by God, we welcome those of every age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, faith background, national or ethnic origin, physical and mental ability, kind of family, socioeconomic status, and physical appearance.

Seeking justice for everyone, we promise to offer intentional and extravagant welcome to all God's children.

