

Utica United Methodist Church

March 17, 2019

“2nd Sunday in Lent”

9:30 AM Worship



Busy: Reconnecting with an Unhurried God “Preparing a Table”

I invite you to a deep breath...

[take a moment to breathe in and out slowly]

If you have a watch on, I invite you to take it off for this hour of worship.

If you have a phone, I invite you to turn it off or put it away now. If that makes you very anxious, that’s OK—maybe next week you’ll be able to do it.

Just notice the feeling and give it some thought. Let these simple acts (or maybe not-so-simple acts) be a sign of the commitment to give ourselves a break, to give ourselves just an hour to catch our breath, to give our selves time to give God attention.

Taking a Breather

As we gather together, we will use the first part of our service to slow down, to settle our souls so that we might reconnect with an unhurried God.

Prelude

“Come, Faithful Shepherd”

Slow It Down

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Prayer for Clearing Out

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Song of Praise

“Shepherd Me, O God”

2058

Greeting One Another

Taking Note

The second part of our service invites us to “take note” of what God is saying to us this day through the children, through music, through offering and through the sermon.

Invitation to Children’s Time

[the children are invited forward toward the end of the peace and music begins under the invitation. The people sing as the children come forward and as the adults settle into their seats]

Hymn

“Take Time to Be Holy”

395 vs. 1

Children's Time

At this time, all children are invited to come forward. After which, children ages 3 through Youth will leave for Sunday school.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Pew Bible Page: 544

Offertory Prayer

The Ministry of Music “A Quiet Meditation”

Offertory Response

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Message

“Preparing A Table”
Rev. Don Gotham

Taking Care

The third part of our service is our response to having listened for God’s word. We “take care” to focus through prayer on what’s really important, really essential, to lives lived with depth.

“Time Out” in the Prayer Chair

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The Lord’s Prayer

Taking It Out

The final movement of our service is a time of committing to take a bit of this serenity and peace out into the busy world. We are reminded to “keep the main thing the main thing.”

Closing Song of Life - “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

479, sung to tune of 302

(bring petitions forward and place in the “God Box”)

*Blessing for the Unhurried Life - Benediction

*Closing Song

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(*Stand if able)

The Altar flowers today are given To the Glory of God

Would you like to order flowers for a special Sunday? Call the church office to order your vase.

Flowers are available for all of March and throughout the year.

Outreach

Loose Change

Loose change received for March will be donated to the Baldwin Center.

Shopping Cart Donations

All shopping cart donations go to support our own food pantry here at Utica UMC. We are always in need of items. Please give food donations to help those in need. Thank you.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

DEADLINES

Items for the **Prayer List** and **The Weekly Messenger** are due by the end of business hours on Wednesday of each week.

Information received after that will be added the following week.

Aiding in Worship Today

Liturgist

Liza Young

Greeter

Andrew Lawson

Children's Message

Peggy Miller

Child Care Provider

Caitlyn Wilson & helpers

Ushers

David Clark - Bob Baldwin

Gary Taylor - Andrew Lawson

Prayer & Healing Ministers

Don & Kathy Weaver

Coffee Hour

PPRC