

Utica United Methodist Church

March 31, 2019
“4th Sunday in Lent”
9:30 AM Worship



Busy: Reconnecting with an Unhurried God “Tuning In”

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.

Offertory Prayer

The Ministry of Music **“Great Is Their Faithfulness”**
The Chancel Choir

Offertory Response **Screen**

Message **“Living Light”**
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 Screen

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 - “For the Healing of the Nations” 428
vs. 1,2,4
(bring petitions forward and place in the “God Box”)

***Blessing for the Unhurried Life - Benediction**

***Closing Song Screen**

(*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

Sheila Manning

Greeter

Welcoming Team

Children's Message

Don Gotham

Child Care Provider

Caitlyn Wilson & helpers

Ushers

David Clark - Andrew Lawson
Bob Baldwin - Danielle Baldwin

Prayer & Healing Ministers

Gail Potter & Debbie Pelton

Coffee Hour

Finance