



Union Baptist Church

The church in the heart of the community with the people of the community in its heart

Celebrating 112 Years of Service

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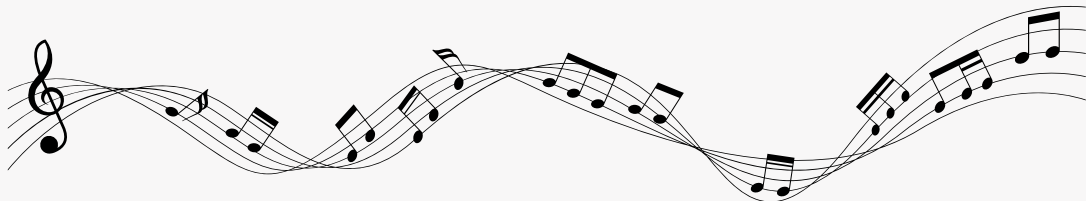
The Benediction

Congregational Hymn

We've Come This Far By Faith

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Trusting in His Holy Word, He's never failed us yet.
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Old Testament.

Psalms 40: 1-9

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry.

2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps.

3. He has put a new song in my mouth; Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord.

4. Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5. Many, O Lord my God, are your wonderful works which you have done; and your thoughts towards us cannot be recounted to you in order; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

6. Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

7. Then I said, "Behold I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of Me.

8. I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.

9. I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness in the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O Lord, You Yourself know.

New Testament

John 9:19-25. NKJV

19. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

20. His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

21 but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."

22. His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

23. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24. So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.

25. He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

CELEBRATING

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

THE CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY IN IT'S HEART.

HISTORY SUMMARY

IN 1912, A MIGHTY VISION TOOK ROOT FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS. SEVEN FAITHFUL SOULS, LED BY THE REVEREND WILLIS COLES, GATHERED TOGETHER WITH PURPOSE AND CONVICTION TO ORGANIZE WHAT WOULD BECOME UNION BAPTIST CHURCH. REVEREND COLES SERVED AS FOUNDING PASTOR FROM 1912 TO 1916, PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH THAT WOULD FLOURISH FOR GENERATIONS IN THE FAIRVIEW-GREENBURGH AREA. HIS PIONEERING LEADERSHIP LAID THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH EVERY CHAPTER OF THIS CHURCH'S STORY WOULD BE WRITTEN.

THE TORCH OF LEADERSHIP PASSED THROUGH A SUCCESSION OF FAITHFUL SHEPHERDS, EACH LEAVING THEIR MARK ON THIS BELOVED CONGREGATION. REVEREND DR. L.W. HUGHES ANSWERED THE CALL IN 1919 AND SERVED WITH REMARKABLE DEDICATION FOR 43 YEARS UNTIL 1962, SHAPING THE VERY SOUL OF UNION BAPTIST CHURCH. REVEREND CHARLES CHURN THEN CARRIED THE MANTLE FROM 1964 TO 1975, GUIDING THE CHURCH THROUGH ELEVEN YEARS OF CONTINUED GROWTH AND MINISTRY. REVEREND ROBERT L. MASON FOLLOWED, SERVING FAITHFULLY FROM 1976 TO 1992 AND DEEPENING THE CHURCH'S ROOTS IN THE FAIRVIEW-GREENBURGH COMMUNITY.

SINCE 1994, REVEREND DR. VERLIN D. WILLIAMS HAS LED UNION BAPTIST CHURCH WITH VISION AND STEADFAST COMMITMENT, CARRYING FORWARD THE RICH LEGACY OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE. FOR OVER A CENTURY, THIS CHURCH HAS BEEN THE HEARTBEAT OF THE COMMUNITY — BUILT ON THE SHOULDERS OF FIVE DEVOTED PASTORS, SUSTAINED BY GENERATIONS OF FAITHFUL MEMBERS, AND ANCHORED IN A LOVE FOR GOD AND NEIGHBOR. TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE YEARS OF SERVICE, THE LIVES CHANGED, THE BURDENS LIFTED, AND THE HOPE THAT CONTINUES TO SHINE.

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS FAVOR AND FAITHFULNESS TOWARD THE MINISTRIES AND MEMBERS OF UNION BAPTIST CHURCH. WE ARE A VICTORIOUS PEOPLE, GROWING, GOING, AND GIVING FOR CHRIST. EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE, SERVING AN EXTRAORDINARY GOD.

A LEGACY OF FAITH, A FUTURE OF PROMISE

FROM SEVEN FAITHFUL SOULS WHO GATHERED IN 1912 TO THE VIBRANT AND GROWING CONGREGATION WE ARE TODAY, UNION BAPTIST CHURCH HAS BEEN A LIVING TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GRACE, MERCY, AND FAITHFULNESS. EVERY PRAYER PRAYED, EVERY SONG SUNG, EVERY LIFE TOUCHED, AND EVERY BURDEN LIFTED HAS BEEN A THREAD WOVEN INTO THE BEAUTIFUL TAPESTRY OF THIS CHURCH'S STORY.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE VISIONARY PASTORS WHO LED WITH COURAGE AND CONVICTION. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE DEDICATED MEMBERS WHO GAVE THEIR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR A COMMUNITY THAT HAS WALKED ALONGSIDE US THROUGH EVERY SEASON. AND ABOVE ALL, WE ARE GRATEFUL TO GOD, WHOSE HAND HAS GUIDED AND GUARDED THIS MINISTRY FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY.

THE STORY OF UNION BAPTIST CHURCH IS STILL BEING WRITTEN. THE BEST CHAPTERS ARE AHEAD. AS WE CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY, WE GO FORWARD WITH FAITH, WITH PURPOSE, AND WITH THE UNSHAKEABLE CONFIDENCE THAT GOD IS NOT FINISHED WITH US YET.

"BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS VERY THING, THAT HE WHO HAS BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL COMPLETE IT." PHILIPPIANS 1:6

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