



United Presbyterian Church
1701 E. Second Street
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Sunday — February 19, 2023
Transfiguration Sunday

Guest Minister
The Reverend Heather Thiessen

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United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Allen Pease



Today's sanctuary flowers are placed by Aline & Fadi Haddad.

PRELUDE *As the Deer* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Michelle Heitink, Liturgist

Liturgist: The Lord cared for those he encountered.

People: Proclaiming the good news of the kingdom to all.

Liturgist: He healed every sickness among the people.

People: He fed the hungry, defended the least of these, loved the broken in spirit.

Liturgist: Let us follow the lead of our Lord Jesus.



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

***Opening Hymn** *You Are Before Me, Lord* #248

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Exodus 24:1-3, 9-18* (pew Bible p60; lrg print p121)

THE GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 17:1-9* (pew Bible p.751; large print p.1514)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

MUSIC for MEDITATION
O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
 UPC Quartet



SERMON

Fear or Familiarity

The Reverend Heather Thiessen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostle's Creed (traditional) Led by Rev. Thiessen
 I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – Elder Don Root
 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Elder Don Root

***Closing Hymn** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* #399

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Reverend Heather Thiessen

POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Shea Henry Olivia McKenzie Nora vander Heijden Kathleen Olds Missy Masters
 Reverend David Rosen Patricia Spir Anita Steverson Jeremy Stratton Berta Wenneker
 Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri
 His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie & Felipe Colby

Commissioners to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley Assembly

Please pray for all ministers and elders who are preparing for the Presbytery Assembly on February 25th, and the remaining assemblies throughout the rest of 2023. Remember especially those from your congregation who will be attending.

United Presbyterian Church 2023 Lent



SHROVE TUESDAY

Concert

Free!

UPC's seventh Shrove Tuesday celebration is February 21.
It's the day before Ash Wednesday—the first day of Lent — we celebrate with live music!



THE UPC WORSHIP TEAM INVITES ALL TO . . .

Gather for fellowship and music
In the sanctuary or on UPC YouTube!
7 p.m. on February 21.



Live! In Person!

HERITAGE HALL RAMBLERS BAND

UPC Music Director — Benjamin Watkins — Host

The Heritage Hall Ramblers, an affiliate of the Bloomington Community Band, got started about ten years ago and is named after our first rehearsal space, the social hall in St. Thomas Lutheran Church. We play traditional Dixieland selections using instruments commonly used in early Dixieland, which got its start in New Orleans around the turn of the 20th Century.



Donations accepted for
UPC Music Program
in the Narthex.

