



*First*  
Sunday  
in Lent

United Presbyterian Church  
1701 E. Second Street  
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## United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide

February 26, 2023 First Sunday in Lent



### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Allen Pease

**PRELUDE** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Benjamin Watkins, piano

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Phillip Addison, Liturgist

**Liturgist:** Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.

**People:** **God preserve us from trouble and surround us with your steadfast love.**

**Liturgist:** Shout for joy for happy are those who find God's love.

**People:** **Let us worship God.**

### \*Opening Hymn

*This Is My Father's World*

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### 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.

### MUSIC for MEDITATION

*My Lord, What a Morning*—H. T. Burleigh UPC Quartet

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

**All-knowing God, we come to you this day knowing we have sinned. We have sought after possessions that would please us, but we know our happiness is only temporary. We have sought to worship idols of laziness, luxury, and prestige. But those things do not really bring happiness. We have sought power over others at their expense and we have not found the happiness we were seeking. Remind us again this first day of Lent that we must choose life, not death, that we must choose you over what others insist we must do. Deliver us from evil and be with us this day. In the name of the Christ we pray. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you. Amen.



### A Gospel Medley

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

SERMON

*Dad's Suit Pockets*

Deacon Souheil Haddad

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**—The Apostle's Creed (traditional)

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.

*\*Gloria Patri***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

*\*Doxology***\*Closing Hymn** *I Danced in the Morning* #302**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Elder Don Root

**POSTLUDE***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Benjamin Watkins, piano*\*Please stand if you are able***UPC Prayer List** - Email requests to: [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com).

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Reverend David Rosen Patricia Spir Anita Steverson Jeremy Stratton Berta Wenneker

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda

**Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship** welcomes 55-60 people to in-person Sunday worship and even more attend an asynchronous service sent out by e-mail. The church is debt-free, and for 2023 we approved a balanced budget in which 35% of giving goes to support local missions and ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA). God's Grace free clothing ministry remains the anchor of our community outreach and efforts served almost 500 children at last summer's back-to-school event. Rev. Dr. Scott Seay has served the church as part-time pastor for fifteen years, and last February the church welcomed a part-time assistant Pastor, Rev. Mac Bellner. Two doctoral students at Jacobs School of Music--Seungkyu Oh and Benjamin Gittens—lead in our music ministry. Small in number but mighty in faithfulness, this congregation strives to discern and participate in God's transforming and renewing work in Brown County.