



Second
Sunday
in Lent

United Presbyterian Church
1701 E. Second Street
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Sunday — March 5, 2023

Guest Minister
The Reverend Heather Thiessen

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United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide
 March 5, 2023 Second Sunday in Lent – Deacon's Sunday



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Allen Pease

PRELUDE *Hope of the World* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Vera Heitink, Liturgist

Liturgist: Let us worship God whose help is never failing.

People: Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth.

Liturgist: God will keep us safe from all evil and be with us from this time on.

People: God is our keeper and shades us from all that shall harm us.

Liturgist: We open our eyes to see God who knows all about us and holds us forever.

People: Let us worship this God of all creation.

***Opening Hymn**

What Wondrous Love Is This?

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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

Requiem Aeternam from *Missa de Profunctis* – J. Ockeghem

UPC Quartet

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

Great God who beckons us to move beyond where we are, we confess that we are afraid. You who called Abraham to journey to an unknown place call us to venture in unknown ways. Yet we turn away from your call because it is an inconvenience, or we are unsure of where it is you call us. You promise us new life in you and yet we are not firm in our conviction that you are our living God. We have not trusted you enough. We have been fearful of changes you call us to make. Forgive us our lack of faith and give us courage as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

Hear the good news of the gospel! You are no longer strangers and aliens, but members together of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. Christ himself is our peace; in his flesh he has made us into one. Amen.



The Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 12:1-4* (pew Bible p 9; large print p 16)

The New Testament Lesson *Matthew 17:14-27* (pew Bible p 14; large print p1514)

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

SERMON

Lessons in Faith

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.

**Gloria Patri*

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Spirit of the Living God

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HOLY COMMUNION

Reverend Heather Thiessen

The Invitation

Celebration of the Sacrament

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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*

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** *When We Are Living-Pues Si Vivimos*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Heather Thiessen

POSTLUDE

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

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
 Rev. David Rosen Patricia Spir Anita Steverson Virginia McCartney Berta Wenneker
 His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, New Albany, pastored by Rev. Karen McDonald Smith, is located in a suburban community near IU Southeast. Founded in 1838, from its earliest days, the church has been a mission-minded community. Last fall a Little Food Pantry was built to house food donations for those with need. Generous donations feed people every day. Each year we support Hope Southern Indiana with monetary gifts and provide Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets. We donate new clothing for children through the Salvation Army Angel Tree. When natural disasters occur, such as the tornados in western Kentucky, the congregation donates to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Most recently, through the Presbytery of Transylvania, winter heaters were provided for the folks in eastern Kentucky who experienced devastating flooding. Hygiene kits are donated and assembled to send to Church World Service for distribution as needed. We support the ministry of Camp Pyoca. We send gently-used shoes to Water Step, a Louisville-based organization that uses the proceeds from the shoes to provide potable water throughout the world. Collections are made for the Christmas Joy and One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings, and the congregation helps support the work of a missionary in Haiti. Currently, the church basement is being renovated to provide meeting space and activities for folks in the community. A Quilt Guild is meeting twice a month already. God is doing a new thing, and we are excited to anticipate what may take place in that space in the future!

We are grateful for your prayers for the recipients of these mission efforts, and for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they seek the next installed pastor at Mount Tabor.

