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Fourth Sunday
in
Lent

United Presbyterian Church
1701 E. Second Street
Bloomington, IN 47401

Sunday — March 19, 2023

Guest Minister
Presbytery of Ohio Valley Executive Presbyter
The Reverend Susan McGhee

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United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide

March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Lent



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Allen Pease

PRELUDE *Forest Green* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Bob Hammel, Liturgist

Liturgist: From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west;
on the lips of children, by babies at the breast:

People: God's holy name be praised!

Liturgist: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young:

People: God's holy name be praised!

Liturgist: In the banquet halls of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts:

People: God's holy name be praised!

Liturgist: Let all that has life and breath praise God's holy name!

*Opening Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

O God of life, eternity cannot hold you,

nor can our little words catch the magnificence of your kindness.

Yet in the space of our small hearts and in silence you can come close and repair us.

O God of life, grant us your forgiveness

for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds,

for our empty speech and the words with which we wounded.

Grant us your forgiveness

for our false desires, for our hateful actions,

for wastefulness and for all we left untended.... *(all pray in silence)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

Praise to the living Christ, hanged on a tree, yet risen in the morning.

Christ scatters the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills.

Let us welcome the grace of Christ in our hearts

to begin what we do, to inform what we say and to redeem who we are.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 *Corinthians* 5:16-21 (pew Bible p. 881; large print p. 1780)

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke* 15:11-32 (pew Bible p. 799; large print p. 1611)

Reverend: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Long Way Home

The Reverend Susan McGhee

MUSIC for MEDITATION

Precious Lord, Take My Hand--G. Allen & T. Dorsey

Members of the UPC Quartet

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—from “A Brief Statement of Faith” led by Rev. McGhee

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image,

male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

**Gloria Patri.*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER –

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

**Doxology*

Rev. Susan McGhee

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Prayer of Dedication Rev. Susan McGhee

*Closing Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* #339

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Susan McGhee

- **POSTLUDE** *Come, Labor On* Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Bob Hammel's family as they mourn the loss of Bob's sister Joy Kennedy

Sue Lorimer's family as they mourn the loss sister-in-law Missy Masters

Shea Henry Olivia McKenzie Nora vander Heijden Kathleen Olds

Rev. David Rosen Patricia Spir Anita Steverson Virginia McCartney Berta Wenneker

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda

The Lord's Warehouse, Monroe City, mission is to continue to feed those in need in Knox County on a weekly basis. We also distribute clothing, household supplies, and sometimes other necessities to those in need of a helping hand. We are grateful that the POV continues to pray for The Lord's Warehouse.

Palm Sunday ❖ Easter Sunday



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