

Fifth  
SUNDAY IN  
LENT  


United Presbyterian Church  
1701 E. Second Street  
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Sunday — March 26, 2023

Guest Minister  
The Reverend Alan Finnan

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## United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide

March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Lent



### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Allen Pease

#### PRELUDE

*Seek Ye First*

Benjamin Watkins, piano

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Fadi Haddad, Liturgist

Liturgist: Come, let us worship our God of steadfast love and hope.

People: **God, breathe life into us and let us live.**

Liturgist: Set our minds on your holy spirit of life and peace.

People: **We gather here in the hope of God's holy word and the gift of new life.**

Liturgist: Let us worship God.

### \*Opening Hymn

*I Danced In the Morning*

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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

*Miserere*—G. Allegri

UPC Quartet and Benjamin Watkins

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

Spirit of the Living God, breathe fresh life on us this day. Forgive us sins of impatience, anger, gossip, and arrogance. We confess that these sins steal life from others around us and create chaos rather than peace. Forgive us our doubts and fears the times when we cut you off and lose hope. Breathe upon these weary bones of ours and lift us up with the Spirit of life. Forgive us the times when we feel you have let us down, when, like Martha, we feel like you've just been too late to help us out. Save us from ourselves, for we are often our worst enemy. Open us up to new life. Give us courage to believe in you, and boldness in living your will for us. Through Christ 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.

**Epistle Lesson** *Romans: 8: 6 - 11* (pew Bible p. 862; large print p. 1740) – Liturgist

**Gospel Lesson** *John 11: 1 – 45* (pew Bible p. 820; large print p. 1654) – Reverend

Reverend: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON***Responding to Disappointment*

The Reverend Alan Finnan

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**— The Apostle’s Creed (traditional) led by Reverend Finnan  
 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.*

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** – Rev. Finnan

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**

Reverend Alan Finnan

*\*Doxology*

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Prayer of Dedication Rev. Alan Finnan

**\*Closing Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #260**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Reverend Alan Finnan

**POSTLUDE** *Live Into Hope* Benjamin Watkins, piano*\*Please stand if you are able***UPC Prayer List** - Email requests to: [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com).

The Anne & Don Root family as they mourn the loss of Anne’s sister, Lenore Fitzpatrick  
 The Vera & Gerrit Heitink family as they mourn the loss of Vera’s mom Nora vander Heijden  
 Chuck Bartholomew as he mourns the loss of his beloved wife Gladys  
 Shea Henry Patti Lucas Olivia McKenzie Kathleen Olds

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

**Trinity United Presbyterian Church** is 55 years old. Our name comes not from the Biblical Trinity but from three rural churches (New Washington Presbyterian, New Market Presbyterian and Owen Creek Presbyterian) uniting to form Trinity United Presbyterian, helping us keep sharing the love of Christ, serving God and our community. We participate in monthly “Pie Day” senior visitation, monthly “Senior Day” meals and twice weekly “Senior Workout” classes. Trinity contributes to Crusade for Children and the High School’s After Prom and a

Youth league team. We're part of the Community Needs Ministry with 12 other churches in the area. Trinity United hosts 6 Red Cross blood drives a year. We are a "Four for Four" → congregation for Special Offerings and continue to support separate PDA appeals throughout the year. For Christmas and Easter, Trinity United supports the Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation "Flower Power" Fundraisers purchasing poinsettias and Easter lilies & spring flowers to decorate the sanctuary. We have been blessed to have Louisville Presbyterian Seminary students to fill the pulpit, hone their skills and share God's Word. Currently, we have an ordained Presbyterian minister providing the majority of our Sunday services. We continue to ask for prayer as we work to discern God's plan for us.

### Palm Sunday ❖ Easter Sunday



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