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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
10:00am – January 26, 2025**

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# United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 26, 2025

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder Allen Pease

**PRELUDE** Benjamin Watkins, piano

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *2 Corinthians 13:13, Colossians 3:12,14* Alejandra Haddad, liturgist

Liturgist: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Liturgist: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, let us clothe ourselves  
with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

**People: And above all, let us clothe ourselves with love,  
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.**

\* **HYMN No. 487** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist: In penitence and faith,  
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**People: Merciful God,  
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,  
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,  
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,  
and show reluctance to welcome one another;  
we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In your loving kindness,  
have mercy on us, and free us from sin.**

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism  
so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*-- all pray in silence.*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Liturgist: In this day, fresh-made,  
let us delight in God's goodness and be ready to start anew.  
Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**     *Great is Thy Faithfulness*     UPC Quartet

### THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Liturgist:     The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People:     And also with you.**

Liturgist:     I invite you to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist:     Gracious and Holy God:  
                   give us Diligence to seek Thee,  
                   Wisdom to perceive Thee,  
                   Eyes to behold Thee,  
                   a Heart to meditate upon Thee,  
                   and a Life to proclaim Thee;  
                   through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** (Liturgist)     Colossians 3:12-17

**THE GOSPEL** (Pastor)     Matthew 5:1-15

Pastor:     The Word of the Lord.

**People:     Thanks be to God!**



**SERMON**     *Sewn Together in Love*     Rev. McGhee

\* **HYMN No. 358**     *Help Us Accept Each Other*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**     Elder Alejandra Haddad, liturgist

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People:     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.**

### THE OFFERING OF OUR TREASURE

Offertory

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\* **HYMN No. 272**     *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**     Rev. Susan McGhee

**THE POSTLUDE**     *Blessed be the Tie That Binds*     Benjamin Watkins, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

**UPC Prayer List** - Email requests to: [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com).

Bob Hammel Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie and Felipe Colby

Nyaka Global in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

The people of Georgia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Middle East, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine

Our military men and women stationed around the globe

**Presbytery of Ohio Valley Committees.** Much of the work of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley happens in our committees and commissions: the Presbytery Council, Board of Trustees, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Mission and Witness Resource Committee, Nominating Committee, Personnel Committee, Stewardship Committee, and the Permanent Judicial Commission. We are grateful for all who have agreed to serve

**UPC's 2025 Annual Meeting** covering 2024 is immediately after this morning's service. Reverend Susan McGhee is the Moderator. UPC members are urged to attend this very important meeting. Friends and regular attendees are more than welcome to attend. Coffee and lite refreshments will be served by the Deacons immediately after the meeting in Fellowship Hall.

**NOTE:** UPC has switched to German American Bank for all of its financial services. Therefore, we have a new credit/debit card machine in Fellowship Hall. It's very similar to the previous machine. Don Root will be available to assist or answer questions.

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025**

The cold cancelled us last week. Hopefully, this week our **Luke Bible Study** will be **Wednesday** the 29<sup>th</sup>. It's led by Elder Alejandra Haddad in the Anderson Parlor.

Bagels and coffee will be available. 10 to 11:30 a.m.



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