

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025 Guest Minister – Reverend David Lee 812-332-1850 www.upcbloomington.org

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Allen Pease





Today's sanctuary flowers are placed by Don and Anne Root in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to WorshipDeacon Michelle Heitink, liturgistLiturgist:The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.People:The Lord is good to everyone, and God's compassion is over all that the Lord
has made. Let us worship God!Liturgist:Come; let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Music for Meditation

*Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Rather than focusing on our excuses, O Lord, we focus on our failures to take concrete steps to bring your light where we are able. When we failed to extend your hospitality to others, or restricted it to those we find acceptable, while excluding the sad, or marginalized, forgive us Lord. Help us to renew our words with actions following them, and forgive us, we pray. Amen.

*Silent confession.

Assurance of Pardon (Liturgist)

- Liturgist: We COULD wallow in our selfishness, but we can do better. God is a God of action, loving us when we were unlovable in spite of our sins. But friends, this is the good news we need to hear to wake us up: in Christ, we are forgiven.
- People: Amen!

*Gloria Patri #579



Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: God sends this message of joy to all people, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Let us share this holy peace with one another.The peace of Christ be with you.People: And also with you.

***Hymn** *This is the Day* (Sung twice through) See last page for words & music

Prayer of Intercession – Reverend Lee

God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

Sermon Be thou OUR Vision Reverend David Lee

Scripture: Read as a part of the sermon: John 13: 31-35 (The Message Version)

³¹⁻³² When he had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is seen for who he is, and God seen for who he is in him. The moment God is seen in him, God's glory will be on display. In glorifying him, he himself is glorified—glory all around!

³³ "Children, I am with you for only a short time longer. You are going to look high and low for me. But just as I told the Jews, I'm telling you: 'Where I go, you are not able to come.'

³⁴⁻³⁵ "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."

*Sermon Hymn: Be Thou My Vision #339

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— The Apostle's Creed (traditional) led by Rev. David Lee 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.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer – Elder Alejandra Haddad

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 for the Offering – Elder Alejandra Haddad Offertory *Doxology (Praise God) #592 Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Prayer of Dedication Elder Haddad

*Closing Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love #367

*Benediction (Good Words for the Week) Reverend David Lee Go now in peace: Never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true: Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe: Reach out to others so all the world can see God will be there, watching from above. Go now: in peace, faith, and love. And, go, with the blessings of God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer and the power of the Holy Spirit inspiring and guiding you in all you say and do.

People: Amen!

Postlude Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center. This summer at Pyoca, we're exploring what it means to follow Another Way. Just as Jesus often confronted the world around him with a new way of being, we are invited to reimagine who we are and how we live in community. Being at camp offers us space apart from the distractions of daily life, where we can explore our authentic selves, honor the truths of others, and open ourselves to transformation. We ask for your prayers for our campers, staff and volunteers journeying to join us. May each who comes to camp know they are welcomed by a loving God. We pray this will be a summer of deep reflection, bold imagination, joyful play and faithful growth, as we seek another way together.



WE CONGRATULATE EACH OF OUR GRADUATES! THERE WILL BE A BOX FOR EACH GRAD AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DROP THEM A NOTE OR A CARD.



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