

United Presbyterian Church

May 3, 2026 Holy Communion Deacons Offering



Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship (from Psalm 31:1–5, 14–15) Thomas Koehnline, Liturgist

Liturgist: Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Liturgist: Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Liturgist: Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Liturgist: We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Opening Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #376

Call for Confession (Liturgist)

We all err from doing God's justice. When we confess our sins, we tell the truth and admit our own power to enact injustice that harms others.

Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you. (Time for silent confession).

Assurance of pardon

Jesus promised his followers there are many rooms in a world filled with God's justice. When we speak truth to our own power, we make room for God's just world. This is the good news: God raised Jesus and made room for us, calling us to live out of God's forgiveness by making sure there is room for all. Alleluia, Amen!

* *Gloria Patri* #579

*Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Liturgist: Let us share that peace with one another.

Prayer for Illumination (Liturgist) Your Word, O God, is a source of refuge and guidance. Lead us, and inspire our hearts and souls as we engage holy Scripture with our minds and spirits. Amen.

Music for Meditation *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* UPC Quartet

Gospel Lesson *John 14:1-14* – Pastor

Pastor: The words of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Do Not Let Your Heart be Troubled* Pastor Alejandra Haddad

*Hymn of Praise: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* #138

Affirmation of Faith:(from A Brief Statement of Faith) Pastor Haddad

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this

Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer – Pastor 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #138, vs. 1

Pastor: We give you thanks for the Word made flesh in Jesus of Nazareth.
Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Elements

One Bread, One Body UPC Quartet

Prayer after Communion – Pastor Alejandra Haddad

CALL TO OFFERING & Deacons Offering

Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn: *All Hail to God's Anointed* #205
CHARGE and BENEDICTION Pastor Alejandra Haddad
POSTLUDE Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

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All people who are suffering from armed conflict.

Dear United Presbyterian Church Bloomington,

Thank you so much! I am so sorry I got distracted and forgot to write you all. Thank you so much for your letter. How are you doing? I am in Winter Park, Florida now and mostly teaching. I went to Tarrytown, New York last November to sing Calaf in *Turandot*, and was in Charlottesville for *Pirates of*



Penzance and *Carmen* last summer. I recently joined the agency Encompass Arts, and will be going to Chicago and back to Tarrytown this summer for more singing. I hope to see you all again soon and miss my time in Bloomington. Sincerely, Conner McWhirter

Upcoming Events – Get them on your calendar now

- May 10 10:00 a.m. Mother's Day service led by Marietta Macy
Honor our IU grads: Thomas Koehline and Patrick Tervo with lunch prepared by Darian McBride & Melanie Mathis McBride
Melanie will have the UPC traditional Grad Display set up in the Narthex including boxes for greeting cards and notes.
- May 27 6 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction to benefit the UPC Music Program. We need attendees AND folks to donate desserts.



May Birthdays & Anniversaries: 14-Fuad Haddad;
15-Don Anne Root Anniversary; 19-Sue Lorimer

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