

United Presbyterian Church

May 31, 2026 Trinity Sunday

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation. I can do all things through Jesus who gives me strength.

Philippians 4: 12-13



Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude *Tolling of Bells & Chimes* Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship Deacon Andy Hiull, Liturgist
Liturgist: One: Creator God, in whose image we are made, help us reflect your love. Redeemer God, reconciling all creation to yourself, draw us closer to you. Sanctifying God, sustaining us with your love, guide us in your ways of mercy and peace. How majestic is your name in all the earth! Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn:** *Holy, Holy, Holy* # 138

***Unison Prayer of Confession (with Liturgist):**

Creator God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we have not lived up to our name as your children. We have not been good stewards of your creation. We have lived as though we are disconnected from you and our neighbor. Redeem us, release us from our fears, and fill us with your love, that we may know we are wholly yours. Sanctify us and make us whole, that we may be inspired to live as your beloved children, forgiven and accepted by you. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)** #572

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8:31-32)

Liturgist: Our Gracious God Everything we have comes from the gracious hand of our God. God claimed us as God's children, redeemed us by Christ's love, and poured out God's Spirit into our hearts. This is the very heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: in Christ, we are all forgiven.

All: Amen!

* *Gloria Patri* #577

***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.

Music for Meditation *Though I May Speak* Patrick Tervo

Sermon: *Do you want a "coke" or, a Coke?* Reverend David Lee

Scripture: *Matthew 28:16-200*

Meditation Thought: *Do you claim to be a 'christian' or are you a Christian?*

*Hymn of Praise:

They will Know we are Christian by Our Love #677-red hymnal

Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed (traditional) led by Rev. 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 Deacon Michelle Heitink
**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 – Deacon Heitink
Offertory

**Doxology* #592
Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Lee

***Closing Hymn:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Bounds* #422

CHARGE and BENEDICTION Reverend David Lee

POSTLUDE Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Kevin Roby Troy Virginia Kathleen Anita Raymor

His Eyes in Honduras led by Valerie & Felipe Colby

Nyaka Global in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

All people who are suffering from armed conflict

Monroe County's first responders

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✠Our Chancel Cross by Bob Hammel

In Psalm 92, David writes: *The Righteous Man will flourish like the palm tree; he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.* It's one of 23 Biblical references to those Cedars of Lebanon, and mention of cedars in 92 other verses that have been taken by Bible scholars to be references to the legendary almost knot-free trees in Lebanon. Dedicated in 2008, the cross you see in the UPC Chancel was hand-carved from one of those trees and includes the beloved Bible verse, John 3:16, carved in calligraphic Arabic.

The cross is an exact replica of the one in the Haddads' home Presbyterian church in Beirut, Lebanon. Souheil and Fadi went to Beirut to bring the cross back and together carried it down our center aisle for dedication in UPC's 175th birthday service.

We want you – as a first-time worshiper with us or a long-time member – to feel free after today's service to take your own close-up look at the cross and its elegant carvings, with cognizance of the live linkage it represents between us and David's holy writings.

We invite you to take a moment to notice our chancel cross, which has its own role in our church history. As part of UPC's 175th-anniversary celebration in September 2008, arrangements were made through the late Dr. Fuad Haddad, father of UPC members Souheil and Fadi Haddad, to bring to Bloomington, a cross from the Holy Land with true biblical roots.

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