



Union Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025 | 10AM

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Confession is our opportunity to be honest with God, so that our relationship may be restored and our hearts reconciled.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient practices of worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue prayer card. Please place fellowship pad sheets and prayer request cards in the offering plate when passed.

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 126)

*When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.
*Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.
*It was said among the nations,
The Lord has done great things for them.
*The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.****

*Hymn 201 *A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar* HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Ever-Present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and to ourselves in the process. We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another. Guide us to reorient our lives towards your goodness and your joy. And as you do, we ask that you renew us, restore us, and remain with us, as you always have..... *(Silent prayers of confession)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sharing Christ's Peace

Because God has given us the peace of forgiveness, let us also be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Engage

*Song for Illumination Hymn #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

First Scripture Reading *Philippians 3:4b-14* (Pew Bible NT p.260)

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to come to the chancel steps.



Scan QR code to give electronically from your phone

In our sacrament of communion, the tray of cups include both grape juice and wine. Wine is dark in color and found on the outside rings of the trays. Juice is lighter color and found on the inside rings of the tray.

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.

Children's Message

Second Scripture Reading

John 12:1-8 (Pew Bible NT p.140)

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message

God's Abundance

the Rev. Chris Torrey

*Affirmation of Faith

(Philippians 2:5-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

*Hymn #216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Respond

Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Financial offerings support the Body of Christ through the life and mission of Union Presbyterian Church. If you have prayers to be shared during our prayers of the people, please place them in the offering plate.

Offertory

Woman in the Night

NEW DISCIPLES (Fedak)

*Doxology

Prayers of the People

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Unison Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn 517 (vss 1,4,5)

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

MORECAMBE

*Charge (Hymn #80, You Shall Go Out with Joy)

Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist

The Rev. Lisa Stenner, Liturgist

Announcements

Welcome to worship at UPC this morning!

Please help us get to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you are a first time visitor, please leave your email address or phone number so that we can continue to welcome you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to pick up your welcome gift after the service!

We value children in worship! There are children's materials and crayons available as you enter the Sanctuary, a play area in the north window of the sanctuary, and a nursery area down the hall to the right of the narthex.

Our QTP (Quite Temporary Pastor) Chris Torrey finishes this time with us this morning. Going forward, if you need to reach him, Chris can be reached at cell phone 859-240-3838 or email chrisatunion@gmail.com



Relief in Action: An International Showcase

April 12 @ 6:00 pm <https://kyrm.org/>

Join Kentucky Refugee Ministries (Covington) and Bard and Bandit Productions at the Carnegie in Covington for a special night of music, dancing, cultural celebration, a mini-international market, and item raffles throughout the night. All proceeds to benefit refugee resettlement in Northern Kentucky. The Carnegie is at 1028 Scott Street, Covington.

The City of Union Easter Egg Hunt is here at UPC on Saturday, April 12, 8 – 10:30 am

The UPC Easter Potluck Breakfast w/ Easter Egg Hunt (before Easter Service) is Sunday, April 20 starting at 9 am. The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 9:30. Invite everyone you know to come to UPC on Easter!

Birthdays

April 7 – Parker Lastivka
April 10 – Holly VonLehman

Anniversaries

April 11 – Russ & JoAnna Houchins

Prayers – Tom Ruwe

Please add the prayer concerns shared in worship to your daily prayers!

FROM WILDERNESS TO GLORY: This past week the group decided to continue meeting on Sundays at 2:30 pm to complete the Lenten Study. We welcome those who have been participating as well as anyone who wishes to join the Lenten journey with us. Copies of the handout for Lent Weeks 4 & 5 are available on the table outside the Sanctuary. The free Study Guide is the basis for our class meetings. Additional copies of that study guide are also available.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is one of the special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Fish Boxes are available after worship this morning or any time between now and Easter. Offering envelopes in the pews later in Lent will encourage your support. OGHS supports the Presbyterian Hunger offering, Self Development of People and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. This is a wonderfully efficient charity long a cause of the Presbyterian Church!

For those of you reading this online, check out <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing>



You may complete the pledge forms by scanning this QR code or by completing the form on the website or in the narthex. Pledges help us plan and be excellent stewards of God's amazing gifts.

✦ Adult Activities

Choir Practice

Wednesdays 6:30 pm Sanctuary
Adults and teens welcome.

Yoga

Mon, Wed, Thur 9:30 am Narthex
(contact Bev Johnson 859-444-2744)

Wrapped in Prayer Stitchers

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm Youth Room

Florence Women's Club

3rd Tuesday 12:30 pm – 2:30pm
Info: Sharon Price 859-391-3984

Resplendor de Gloria

Sunday at 4 pm, Thursday at 7 pm
Info: (513) 728-5343

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays at 8 pm

UPS (Union Presbyterian Seniors)

3rd Thursday Lunch at local restaurants
Info: Elaine Johnson

Coming Soon: Saturday, April 19th is the *Peanut Butter & Jams Session* here at UPC, 10:30 – 11:30 am. Children are delighted by the Madcap Puppets and Musicians (Violin, Cello and Piano) bringing Jack & the Beanstalk to life! Free! Presented by Linton Chamber Music.

✦ Youth Activities

Middle School Youth & High School Youth

Youth Gathering | Sunday, April 6 | 5:30-7:30 PM
Lakeside Presbyterian Church Carriage House
Join us for a regular (but always awesome) meeting of the Northern Kentucky Youth Group this Sunday. We'll gather on Sunday, April 6 from 5:30-7:30 for dinner, games, a special lesson, and fellowship at the Lakeside Presbyterian Carriage House. We can't wait to have you join us!

Boy Scouts, Troop 805

Monday at 7pm

✦ Children's Activities

Sunday School K-5th Grade

2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:15am in Room 112

Cub Scouts, Troop 805

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2146

Every other Friday at 6pm

Union Children's Choir

Saturdays 9:30am – 10:30am

Class of 2025

Bob Janes
Nancy Shupe

SESSION

Class of 2026

Jacob Brooks
Laura Pears

Class of 2027

Erin Focke
Mary Lu Funyak

Class of 2025

Julie Bailey
Lisa Denham
Andrea Vanzant

DEACONS

Class of 2026

Danni Kavanaugh
Dave Stenner
Holly VonLehman

Class of 2027

Sam Caudill
Grace Daniel
Cheryl Davis