

THE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

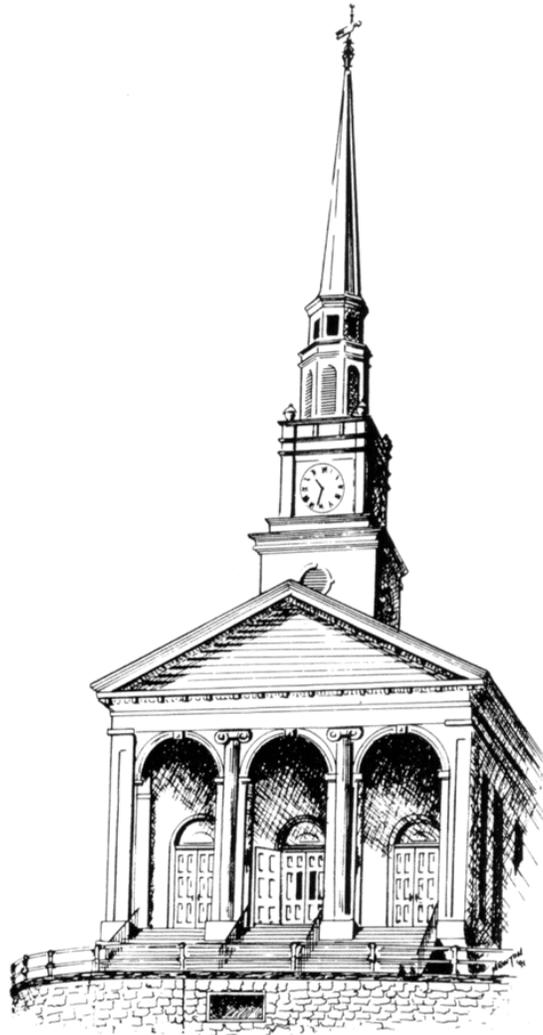
Sunday, February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m.

Welcome		Paul Rogers
Prelude	<i>Via Dolorosa</i>	CONELY
Call to Worship & Darkening of the Lenten Candle		Paul Rogers & Janice Brewer
<p>We have come together this morning for renewal in worship and as a community of faith. We've greeted one another and laughed, but no hugging yet! Now the time of reflection and stillness is upon us.</p> <p>It is the first Sunday in Lent—the season for journeys of the heart. Close your eyes. Be still. Listen. We are entering a holy time. The Lenten candles have been lit, but over the next six weeks the light will slowly fade into darkness. We are retelling the story of Jesus' betrayal and suffering and death, not to be morbid, but because in the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, God is revealed—in the amazing transformation of death into life, in endings transformed into beginnings, and in dead-ends that become a source for new possibilities.</p> <p>This is the sacred center of our faith—the truth made manifest in Jesus Christ—that God is in each and every one of us, quietly transforming us and the world. In his pain and suffering, Jesus speaks to every pain and loss we have endured and offers the promise of transformation. It's an old story, but it still has the power to reveal, to heal, and to redeem. Jesus is at the heart of our faith, in the depth of our souls. He is waiting for us, inviting us to leave ordinary time and follow along with him on the journey that brought him to the cross. Listen in silence, for Jesus is calling you.</p> <p>As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injustice in the world. Let us pray.</p> <p>All: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.</p>		
Hymn of Praise #77	<i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i>	AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH
Invocation and Lord's Prayer		Paul Rogers
Gloria Patri (<i>cantor only</i>)	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.	
Offertory Prayer		Dr. Brown
Offertory	<i>Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee</i>	WELLS
Doxology (<i>cantor only</i>)	Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore: Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.	OLD HUNDREDTH
Family Ministry Moment		Harry Watson
Anthem	<i>Blessings</i> Chancel Choir	SORENSEN
Prayers of the People		Dr. Brown
Hymn of Preparation #83	<i>O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (vs. 1,2,5)</i>	DEO GRACIAS
Scripture (<i>New Test. p. 27</i>)	Mark 1:9-15	Tim Rice
Sermon	"Left Behind"	Dr. Brown
Hymn of Dedication #276	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	FAITHFULNESS
Benediction		Dr. Brown
Postlude	<i>Recessional in C</i>	HAYDN/SMITH

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Today's worship flowers are given by the Howland children in memory of Everett & Barbara Howland.

Cantor: Clare Rogers

Ushers: Keith Norris & Clare Rogers

Greeter: Bill Adams