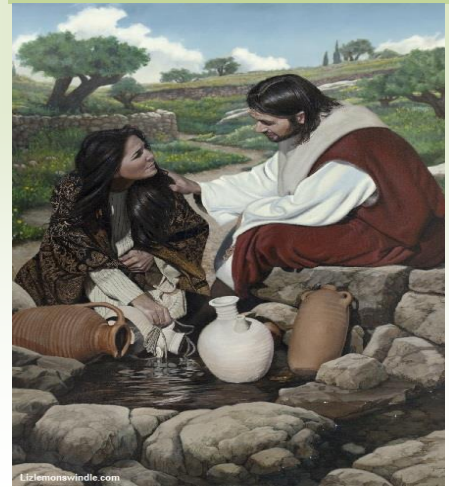




Message from Pastor Bill Vincent



The end of **Lent** is “†” -- the shape of a cross.
The cross marks the jarring, jagged end of Lent.
The cross also marks the
lowest
point

in the annals of human history

But the end of Lent is not “THE END.”

For, by the power of God, there comes another morning,
the dawning of a new day.

Easter

...and resurrection!

“He is risen! He is risen indeed!”

But let us not think that Easter is “The End” either.

Easter is, in truth, only the beginning:
the beginning of new life in Christ,
the fresh start of renewal
and rejuvenation
and rebirth.

For he who once was dead is now alive,
and living in our midst.

So sing, “Alleluia!”

For he is risen! He is risen indeed!

LentEaster

WORSHIP:

(We'll conclude our series on the 7 Signs of Jesus in the Gospel of John on Easter Sunday.)

Sunday, APRIL 2 - Palm/Passion Sunday - 7 Signs of Jesus series:

John 11:1-45 - raising Lazarus from the dead

APRIL 6 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Joint service - at Union - to include communion.

Sunday, APRIL 9 - Easter Sunday - 7 Signs of Jesus series:

John 20:1-18 - Resurrection!

(Worship will also include communion.)

Sunday, APRIL 16 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

Sunday, APRIL 23 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

[Pastor Bill on Vacation]

Supply Preacher - Jay Summerfield

Sunday, APRIL 30 - 4th Sunday of Easter



IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

First Presbyterian of Union

Special Offerings for PC(USA) in 2022

Christmas Joy Offering \$830.00

One Great Hour of Sharing \$1,323.99

Pentecost Offering \$348.00

Peace & Global Witness Offering \$168.75

Worshiping and serving God, loving, and accepting all

**A reminder:**

Prayer concerns can be shared with me via email or phone before worship (preferably by Saturday evening); or you can write them down (legibly, please) on a piece of paper and place them in the basket that will be located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pastor Bill

Sunday Worship service will be Streaming live on Facebook on Sunday at 9:00 am. The bulletin will also be available on Facebook and the church website (www.unionfirstpresby.org), posted by 8 am Sunday morning.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/firstPresbyterianChurchUnion/>

Bulletin can be found here: <http://www.unionfirstpresby.org/church-bulletins/>

Presbyterian Women

PW is hosting an **Easter Brunch**, immediately following the Easter Church service on **April 9th**. We hope that everyone, congregation, visitors, and band members will join us for some food and visiting to celebrate the day.

Presbyterian Women will meet at Church on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. The Hostesses will be Martha Ann Holtgrieve and Dorothy Clarkson.

The Bible Study will be Lesson 4. All women are invited to attend.

We will be assisting Susan Buchanan with an Easter Brunch following the Worship Service on April 9, 2023.



Presbyterian Women of Giddings-Lovejoy Spring Gathering May 6.
The Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Greater St. Louis - 542 Ries Road, Ballwin, will host Spring Gathering

Registration information will be upcoming. The Taiwanese women will give a presentation about Taiwan and their church. The lunch promises to be delicious!

Program: Rev. Liz Kanerva, who is the Associate
Presbytery Leader, will talk with us.

Rev. Damayanthi Niles, Professor at Eden Seminary, will speak on our theme, "Making a Bigger Table." Rev. Niles is an energetic and engaging speaker



An Art Class for True Beginners! Presented by Jane Sellier

If you're interested, you can do it! Jane presents step-by-step full color demonstrations to guide you through the painting process. This class is a combination of embossing and watercolor.

4 week class on Mondays from 9:00am - 11:30am, April 3 - April 24, 2023.

Instruction is provided at no cost to you. There is a \$25 fee for supplies that Jane will provide to you during the class.

The Class will be in the choir room at the First Presbyterian Church, Union.