



United Presbyterian Church
1701 E. Second Street
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Sunday — May 7, 2023

Welcome Transitional Pastor
The Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

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United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide
 May 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter – Deacon’s Sunday
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

PRELUDE

As the Deer

Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Andy Hill, Liturgist

Liturgist: We come together as the church;

People: not a building of wood or stone, but a spiritual house.

Liturgist: We will be the living stones that shout praise even when others are silent.

People: God redeems us, joins us together, and builds us up.

***Opening Hymn**

Called As Partners in Christ’s Service #343



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

Music for Meditation

Prelude in E Major from The Well-Tempered Clavier, BWV 854—J.S. Bach

Benjamin Watkins, piano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us. But we still don’t get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

Beloved, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Jesus prepares a place for us, Jesus brings us close to him, Jesus answers us even in our unbelief. We are God’s own people.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

First Lesson *Acts 7:55-60* (pew Bible p. 837; large print p. 1688) liturgist

Second Lesson *1 Peter 2:2-10* (pew Bible p. 922; large print p. 1866) liturgist

Gospel Lesson *John 14:1-14* (pew Bible p. 823; large print p.1661) Pastor

Reverend: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Long View

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— The Apostle's Creed (traditional) led by Rev. Montgomery
 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.

**Gloria Patri.*

#579

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Let Us Break Bread Together* #513**HOLY COMMUNION** Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Sacrament

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – Elder Don Root

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

Rev. Montgomery

Deacon's Offering envelopes are in the narthex

**Doxology*

#592

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #438**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *The Strife Is O'er*

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Shea Henry Susan Lorimer, daughter-in-law of Sue Lorimer Olivia McKenzie Kathleen Olds

Rev. David Rosen Patricia Spir Anita Steverson Virginia McCartney Berta Weneker

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda

Graham Presbyterian Church in Jennings County**Welcome Reverend Montgomery Reception**

Immediately after morning worship in Fellowship Hall.