



United Presbyterian Church  
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## United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide

May 14, 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter



### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

**PRELUDE** *Andante con espressione*—W.A. Mozart

Benjamin Watkins, piano

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Stephanie Worden, Liturgist

Liturgist: Our God gathers us here.

**People: We have been tested, we have suffered, but God has brought us through.**

Liturgist: Come, let us tell of what God has done for us!

**People: We cried aloud to God, and God listened and answered.**

Liturgist: Therefore, we will praise God with shouts of joy!

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Morning Has Broken* #469



**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

*It Is Well*

Marielle Hug, alto

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison with Liturgist)

**Holy One, we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (Liturgist)

Liturgist: Because Christ lives, we also live. Not because of anything we have done, not because of our belief or faithfulness: we live because Christ lives.

**People: This is the Christ who forgives us. This is the God who is in us. This is the Spirit who is with us. Alleluia! Praise be to God!**

**Old Testament Lesson** *Isaiah 49: 13 - 16* (pew Bible p. 562; large print p. 1131) liturgist

**New Testament Lesson** *John 14: 15 - 21* (pew Bible p. 824; large print p. 1662) Pastor

Reverend: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

*The Mothering Side of God*

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.*

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** – Reverend Montgomery

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

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Montgomery

\**Doxology*

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\***Closing Hymn** *When We Are Living* #400

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

**POSTLUDE** *Arabesque for Macie Hale Watkins*

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

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

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

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda

**Main Street Presbyterian Church** in Petersburg was founded in 1821, part of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The present building was dedicated in 1886. In 1905 the Old School Presbyterian and the Cumberland Presbyterian churches voted to unite and the union took place in 1906, and the present building became their home, named Main Street Presbyterian Church. Rob Henson is our Ruling Elder for Preaching and Pastoral Care. We are a small congregation striving to make a big difference in our community. We have a strong scholarship program that provides financial aid for members and children. Our mission is to be an example of Christ's love and a resource for our community- spiritually, physically, and financially.