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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Reverend Cheryl Montgomery
PRELUDE *I Danced in the Morning* Benjamin Watkins, piano



The Sanctuary Flowers for the month of July are placed in loving memory of
 Susanne Haverstock, wife of Jim Haverstock.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145:10-14) , Liturgist

Liturgist 10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall
 bless you.

People 11 **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,**

Liturgist 12 to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of
 your kingdom.

People 13 **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures
 throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious
 in all his deeds.**

Liturgist 14 The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

***Opening Hymn** *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure* #251



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 *Chiming of the Hour* Benjamin Watkins, piano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

Faithful God, forgive us, we pray. **Despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we
 can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even
 when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with
 ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back
 to your way. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON (Psalm 145: 9-10)

Liturgist Hear the good news: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
 abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over
 all that he has made. Friends, believe the good news:

People **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

First Reading: *Zechariah 9:9-12* (Pew Bible p. 728; large print p. 1470)
 Second Reading: *Romans 7:15-25a* (Pew Bible p. 861; large print p. 1739)
 Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30* (Pew Bible p. 745; large print p. 1502)
 The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Lay Down Your Burdens* Reverend 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** *There is a Balm in Gilead* #394

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Thine Be the Glory* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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Lights! Camera! Action! Movies with Meaning!

Last three Wednesdays in July! 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
FREE!

Three great films selected by and hosted by members of the UPC Worship Team.

Wednesday — July 12

Click!

... an Adam Sandler film from 2006 that will make you howl with laughter as it brings home a life-changing truth. A workaholic architect finds a universal remote that allows him to fast-forward and rewind to different parts of his life. Complications arise when the remote starts to overrule his choices.



Popcorn and Concession Candy Day — Free!

Wednesday — July 19

Big George!

... is a 2023, well acted, biographical film about boxer George Foreman. You'll be amazed at the obstacles George had to overcome and even more amazed at what he's doing now.

Popcorn and Pizza Day — Free!

Wednesday — July 26

Inside Out

... is a 2015 computer-animated film directed by Pete Docter. The film follows the inner workings inside the mind of a young girl named Riley, who adapts to her family's relocation, as five personified emotions administer her thoughts and actions.

Popcorn and Hot Dog Day — Free!



Movies with Meaning benefits The Worship Team's Guest Artist Program. These are not religious themed movies but every day hits the Team finds meaningful. Admission is free. A donation jar for the Guest Artist Program will be placed in Fellowship Hall.