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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reverend Cheryl Montgomery
MINUTE for MUSIC Benjamin Watkins



Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed by Fadi & Aline Haddad in loving memory of their mothers May Hamati and Aida Haddad

PRELUDE

Op. 118 No. 5 – J. Brahms

Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 66:1-2, 4)

Elder Don Root, liturgist

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

***Opening Hymn** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #466



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

Agnus Dei – G. Bizet

Conner McWhirter, tenor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.



First Reading *Galatians 3: 26-29* (Pew Bible p. 888; large print p. 1793)
 Gospel Reading *Matthew 15: 29-39* (Pew Bible p. 750; large print p. 1511)

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Enough is Never Enough* 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.*

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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 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Marielle Hug, mezzo-soprano

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* #408

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *In Christ There Is No East or West* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Vera asks for prayer for her sister's brother-in-law Hans suffering from an aggressive tumor.
Shea Henry Olivia McKenzie Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen Patti Spir Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by the Colby's

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

Our military men and women around the world

Student's returning to elementary, middle and high school, university and grad school

The people of Ukraine

Central Presbyterian of Terre Haute retains its downtown presence through active mission work and connections with other entities on *Church Row*: Episcopalian and Methodist congregations, and United Campus Ministries. We have embarked on an ambitious long-range planning process that involves discernment of our core mission, identifying transformative challenges we face, and establishing concrete markers to inform us of whether we are hitting our marks in one-, five- and twenty-year intervals. We have recognized that while we could continue ministering in the same ways as we "always" have and remain comfortable for years to come, settling for the status quo is not God's desire for this congregation. Please pray for our core leaders as we embark on this process. Rev. Mike Riggins is pastor.



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