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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Allen Pease



Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed by Vera Heitink in loving memory of Agnes (sister) and Bettie (sister-in-law) and in honor of Hillie (sister) and Sonja (sister).

PRELUDE *The Lone, Wild Bird* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Stephanie Worden, liturgist

Liturgist: Come let us worship God, rejoicing in God's loving care for us.

People: We bring all our differences and yet we worship together in unity.

Liturgist: God is merciful to all. O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: Through God all things are made.

Liturgist: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* #376



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

Be Thou My Vision

Marielle Hug, mezzosoprano and Conner McWhirter, tenor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of strength and gentleness, we confess to you our weaknesses. Forgive us our apathy when others are hurting and we could make a difference. Forgive us our lack of persistence when an urgent need must be met and no one seems to care. Like the woman, give us a faith that will not give up. Give us the hope that is founded on your presence. Give us the courage to let our actions speak louder than our words. Through Christ, who loved, healed, and cared for all God's children. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.



Old Testament Reading *Psalm 148* (Pew Bible p. 480; large print p. 970) – Liturgist

Gospel Reading *Luke 20: 27-38* (Pew Bible p. 804; large print p. 1621) – Pastor

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Do We Dare Permit Life's Intrusions?

Reverend David Rosen

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

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 – 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

Offertory *As the Deer* Benjamin Watkins, piano

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. David Rosen

***Closing Hymn** *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* #298

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend David Rosen

POSTLUDE

I Love to Tell the Story

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 The people of Maui

Unity Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute, pastored by Rev. Andrew Black, welcomes the prayers of the Presbytery and its congregations as we work to live into the vision God is calling us to. We are currently working through a strategic planning process with the primary goal to increase membership over the next years. To that end we have been working to transform our outdoor worship space into a something suitable for worship, weddings, concerts, and other events that will make Unity a place the congregation and community can renew and revitalize their mind, body and spirit in the midst of creation.

Guided by our Earth Care Congregation principles we are also working to revitalize the property by removing invasive plants and planting a biblically inspired garden. One of the issues we have is an original house on our property is old, becoming dangerous, and needs to be removed, this is of course costly so prayers that Unity can source the funding to take on this project without putting undue stress on the congregation's budget would be appreciated. Along with this transformation a new ministry tied to our food pantry is about to be born. We are almost ready to launch a small orchard project that will plant up to 40 fruit trees, apples and pears, on our property that will be able to provide fresh fruit for not only our food pantry but all the food pantries in the Terre Haute area in the next 3-5 years. Prayers for the successful beginnings and growth of this mission and ministry are greatly desired.

The congregation at Unity is dreaming big about what comes next and invites you to pray with them for what may come next, what God may be leading us to do in this exciting time of transition: an open air pavilion, a labyrinth, a wheelchair accessible playground, solar power for the church, among other wonderful ideas have been shared so we welcome prayers of discernment for our vision team and our session as they hear the Spirit and lead us to follow the goals of our strategic plan.

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