



United Presbyterian Church
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August 27, 2023

Guest Minister
Executive Presbyter of Presbytery of Ohio Valley
The Reverend Susan McGhee

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Allen Pease



Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed by the Heitinks as they are grateful and blessed for Nora Van der Heijden (Mama and Oma) and her four daughters, Vera, Hillie, Agnes and Sonja.

PRELUDE *Prelude* in C Major, BWV 870 – J.S. Bach Benjamin Watkins, piano

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER Deacon Michelle Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us pray.
Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #285** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist: In penitence and faith,
let us call on God for forgiveness and new life.

**People: You call us to follow, but we are fearful and slow to trust,
even when you have promised to lead us from death to life.
Even when you have promised to lead us out of bondage,
we cling to what we know, holding back, hanging on.
Set us free, good Lord, even when we are afraid.
Set us free from everything that keeps us from following you,
that we may praise your name with lives
that are generous and just and faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence...

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
 everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
 We have been reconciled to God through Christ and all this
 is from God who does not count our trespasses against us,
 but entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.
 The good news therefore is this:
 In Jesus Christ we are renewed and we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: As a forgiven and reconciled people,
 let us celebrate the peace that is ours in Christ Jesus.
 The peace of Christ be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Please share the peace of Christ with one another

MUSIC for MEDITATION

O Thou that Tellest Good Things from Zion – F. Handel
 Marielle Hug, alto Benjamin Watkins, piano

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Reading—*Isaiah 61:1-4* (Pew Bible p. 571; large print p. 1151) – Liturgist

Gospel Reading —*Mark 5:21-43* (Pew Bible p. 768; large print p. 1548) – Pastor

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Enough to Wake the Dead

Reverend Susan McGhee

*HYMN # 369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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

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.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER – Rev. McGhee
 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 *If with All Your Hearts* Conner McWhirter, tenor

**Doxology* #592

*Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Susan McGhee

*Closing Hymn #335 *Though I May Speak*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Susan McGhee

POSTLUDE *Live Into Hope* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

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 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
 The people of Ukraine The people of Maui

Reminders for This Afternoon

3 p.m. – Screening of Elizabeth Mitchell's documentary film, *A Labor of Love: Reviving the West Baden Colored Church*. Monroe County Public Library Auditorium. Free.

4 p.m. – Lucky #13: Roll the Dice and Role Reversals, featuring great melodies from Guys and Dolls and characters willing to risk it all in scenes by Verdi and Puccini. First Presbyterian Church (new location!), 221 East Sixth Street.

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