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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**      **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**

**PRELUDE**      *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*      Benjamin Watkins, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Bob Hammel, liturgist

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord.

**People: Call on God's holy name.**

Liturgist: Sing praises to the Lord.

**People: Tell of God's wondrous deeds.**

Liturgist: Let the faithful sing of the Lord's awesome power.

**People: Let the hearts of the faithful rejoice.**

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord.

**People: Call on God's holy name.**

**\*Opening Hymn**      *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*      #457



**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

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

Members of the UPC Quartet

**Call to Confession**

Liturgist: Call to Confession The apostle Paul tells us: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. For the times we have failed to do this, let us confess to God.

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, Holy Shepherd, we long for a higher calling. When we would rather tend our flocks in peace than confront the powers of this age, open our hearts to your guidance and direction. When we would rather keep silent than face the suffering of others, open our mouths to speak your truth. Turn us from human considerations and set our minds on your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: The great I AM invites us to turn aside and boldly embrace paths that lead to life.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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



Old Testament Reading *Exodus 3:1-15* (Pew Bible p. ; large print p. ) – Liturgist

Gospel Reading *Romans 12:9-21* (Pew Bible p. ; large print p. ) – Pastor

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Serving God* 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.**



**Hymn of Preparation** *Let Us Break Bread Together* #513

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(It is the practice of this congregation to hold the elements until all have been served and then partake together as a sign of our unity in Christ.)

**Prayer after Communion**

**O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual thank-offering to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory      *Our Cities Cry to You*      Members of the UPC Quartet

*\*Doxology*      #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

**\*Closing Hymn**      *O Day of God, Draw Nigh*      #452

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

**POSTLUDE**      *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*      Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

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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

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

The people of Ukraine    The people of Maui

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