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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed by the United Presbyterian Congregation in celebration of five years of service by Benjamin Watkins and 22 years of service by Allen Pease to UPC.

PRELUDE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Alejandra Haddad, liturgist

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

Liturgist: All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

***Opening Hymn** *Arise! Your Light Is Come!* #411



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

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Members of the UPC Quartet

Call to Confession

Liturgist: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

People: O Lord, great God, all holy and most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your guidance and have gotten lost altogether. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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



Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 33:1-11* (Pew Bible p. 661; large print p. 1333) – Liturgist

Gospel Reading *Romans 13: 8-14* (Pew Bible p. 866; large print p. 1748) – Pastor

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

It's Not Fair

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Members of the UPC Quartet

**Doxology*

#592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn**

When We Are Living/Pues Si Vivi Mos

#400

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE*How Great Thou Art*

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

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

Trinity Parish, which consists of the Presbyterian churches of Clinton, Montezuma and Rockville, was founded in 2010 out of a deep desire in all three churches to continue to worship and serve Jesus Christ in the changing communities they call home. As you pray for the parish and the three churches, pray that they will continue to grow and mature in Christ.

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