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 October 8, 2023 19th Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**
PRELUDE *Prelude in C Major BWV 846—J.S. Bach* Benjamin Watkins, piano

The Sanctuary flowers are placed by Allen Pease in loving memory of Dollye Trowbridge.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19) Deacon Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

Liturgist: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to the Lord,

People: for God is our rock and redeemer.

***Opening Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #473



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 *If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments—T. Tallis* UPC Quartet

Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

PRAYER of CONFESSION (In unison with the Liturgist)

God of grace and glory, bless us with your mercy and your steadfast love. When we pursue pointless gains and embark on dead-end journeys, guide us back to your ways. When we strive for our own righteousness, remind us that your righteousness is all we need. When we reject your teaching, or, even worse, reject your presence, love us and correct our ways. Forgive us and welcome us home into the arms of your grace and love. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

People: By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

First Reading *Genesis 1: 1 – 2:3* (Pew Bible p. 1; large print p. 1) – Liturgist

Second Reading *Exodus 20: 1 – 2; 8 – 11* (Pew Bible p. 57; large print p. 114) – Liturgist

Gospel Reading *Mark 2: 23– 28* (Pew Bible p. 765; large print p. 1543) – Pastor

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Sacred Time

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**

Final Sunday for Peace & Global Witness Offering
Specially marked envelopes for the Peace Offering are in the Narthex

Offertory *Abide With Me* The UPC Quartet
 **Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made* #230

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE*My Song Is Love Unknown*

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

Our military men and women stationed around the world

Vernon Presbyterian Church is located in the county seat of Jennings County. Founded in 1825, the Greek Style architecture building was constructed in the early 1830's. We are a small and vibrant congregation that continues to worship in the original building with 6-14 Sunday attendances. Our Pastor retired in December but we have been having services with local substitutes. The first Sunday of every month we attend Graham Presbyterian Church. We pray that attendance will improve and we can keep the church open through our 200th Anniversary in 2025. The Old Vernon Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets daily in the Church. We have made a room available for a homeless man who helps care for the grounds. We support the Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Members also volunteer with various groups such as Hospice, St. Vincent Guild, Special Olympics, Wayside Inn homeless shelter, ARC and the Jennings County Senior Center. We sponsor Christmas gifts for 12 needy children and their families every year. Worship leads us in our mission, and mission draws us back to worship. We ask prayer for our congregation and members, our Elders, our shut-ins and our community. Pray for enthusiasm and energy in mission, spiritual revival in worship, and faithful discipleship in service. God continues to bless us and lead us into our community to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with all God's people. Amen.

Caledonia Presbyterian Church, Vevay

This Wednesday!

Pizza & Popcorn Movie Night!

On a Wing and a Prayer starring Dennis Quaid
hosted by Jim Haverstock

The action-driven drama “On a Wing and a Prayer” starring Dennis Quaid, is based on a true story of the ordeal that the White family faced when [they entered the air in 2009](#). Their pilot suddenly died of a heart attack in the cockpit, leaving the severely inexperienced Doug to guide the plane to a safe landing. The movie follows Doug and his family as they work and pray to defy the odds stacked against their survival, with remote assistance from air traffic controllers and flight instructors. — review by Tea Bugbee

6 p.m. — Wednesday, October 11 — Fellowship Hall — Free



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