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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reverend Cheryl Montgomery
EXPLANATION of the SERVICE
PREPARATION for WORSHIP

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen. —Book of Common Prayer (1549)

PRELUDE *Crimond from the 1650 Scottish Psalter* Benjamin Watkins, piano

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Ruby Jo Barnett
 Reverend Cheryl Montgomery Clerk of Session Don Root

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 124 and 118) Elder Allen Pease, liturgist

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: maker of heaven and earth.

Liturgist: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GAHERING PRAYER

Almighty and gracious God, since our whole salvation stands in our knowledge of your holy word, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that our hearts may be freed from the chains of sin, so that we may hear and receive your word, recognizing your gracious will for us. Teach us by scripture to love and serve you with delight, praising and glorifying you in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —John Calvin (1509– 1564)

***Opening Hymn** Why Are the Nations Raging (Psalm 2) #159

Call to Confession (1 Tim. 1: 14– 15)

Liturgist: The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYE of CONFESSION

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE of PARDON (from Psalm 103:17)

Liturgist: Hear the Good News: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I

declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Amen.

**Gloria Patri* #579



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 *The Lord's My Shepherd* (Br. James' Air) UPC Quartet members

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (In unison with the Liturgist)

Living God, by the power of your Spirit, help us so to hear your holy word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —Ulrich Zwingli (1484– 1531)



First Reading *Psalm 96* (Pew Bible p. 454; large print p. 921)

Second Reading *1Thessalonians 1:1-10* (Pew Bible p. 899; large print p. 1817)

Gospel Reading *Matthew 22: 15-22* (Pew Bible p. 756; large print p. 1524)

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

***Hymn:** *Sing a New Song* (Psalm 96) #217

The congregation will sing the refrain; the singers will chant the verses.

PASTORAL PRAYER – John Calvin

SERMON *God First* Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* (to the tune of Ye Banks and Braes)

Members of the UPC Quartet

**Doxology* #592

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.

*Closing Hymn *Come Sing to God (Psalm 30)* #181

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes* (1615 Scottish Psalter)

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Stand if you are able

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

Pray for the Spir, Haddad and Parades families as they mourn the loss of beloved Patricia Shea Henry Patti Lucas Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen 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

The people of Ukraine The people of Maui

Our military men and women stationed around the world

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This Wednesday 🦇 October 25

Hocus Pocus 2

Food, Fun, Fellowship

Hot Dogs Walking Tacos

Popcorn Candy

All Free!

6 p.m. 🦇 Fellowship Hall



UPC Special Food Drive for MCUM

Now thru Tuesday, October 31, bring in saltines, Ramen Noodles and boxes of mac * cheese to fill the Little Red Wagon parked just outside Fellowship Hall.