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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Jan Berend Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: **Give thanks to the Lord for his steadfast love to humankind.**

***Opening Hymn** *To God Be the Glory* #485



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: As heirs with Christ, let us lead lives worthy of our calling by offering one another signs of love and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

MUSIC for MEDITATION *The Lone Wild Bird* The UPC Quartet

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PRAYER of CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: Hear the good news! Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news:

People: **Through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

Micah 3: 5-12 (Pew Bible p.710; Large Print p.1436) – Liturgist
Ephesians 4:1-16 (Pew Bible p.891; Large Print p.1801) – Liturgist
Matthew 23: 1-12 (Pew Bible p.891; Large Print p.1525) – Pastor
Pastor: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Faithful Living* 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

Offertory *Just As I Am* Members of the UPC Quartet

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* #372

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE

Live Into Hope

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 Anita Steverson

Roby Lorimer Patty Lucas

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 the Middle East

The people of Maui as they return

Our military men and women stationed around the world

The faculty and staff of Monroe County United Ministries

The staff of Opportunity House

Upper Indiana Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, Rev. Pete White, Minister of Preaching: As you pray for our little, history filled, country church, please thank Jesus for the congregation here worshipping for over 215 years, and is blessed to continue to serve our community. Please thank Him for the blessings of our two pastors who faithfully serve our church. Pray that we absorb the words they share and turn them into action. Thank Him for providing for us as a group as well as individually. We ask that you keep those in our congregation truly hurting and pray we all have compassion. Please ask that ALL who walk through the doors, whether the first time or the four thousandth time, feel welcome and find comfort and friendship.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Washington, Rev. Cheryl Thorne: WPC would love to have prayers for new possibilities to come our way. This year Helping Hands has taken on new ownership and we're so pleased to have the honor of housing this mission to our community. Real Recovery (who have honored us by keeping the name) will be handling the appointments, donations and distribution of clothing and household goods. We're excited to be partners. We also house the Foster Care mission on our third floor: Borrowed Hearts of Daviess County. It's a ministry to foster families and Kinship families. We're excited to partner with them. We also lift up our growing online services in participation around the US and Scotland. God has opened new doors to the mission of the church using the internet and we're blessed to serve. We're also blessed to be a part of one of the greatest presbyteries in the country. So grateful to all of you. Thank you for your prayers.



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