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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**

PRELUDE

Praeludium XVI from Das Wohltemperierte Klavier, BWV 861

J.S. Bach

Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 62) Deacon Andy Hill, liturgist

Liturgist: For God alone my soul waits in silence;

People: from him comes my salvation.

Liturgist: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

People: I shall never be shaken.

Liturgist: On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

People: my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Liturgist: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

People: God is a refuge for us.

***Opening Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* (verses 1 – 5) #361

PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)



Liturgist: Jesus comes to us, proclaiming the good news. He challenges us to acknowledge our wandering heart and to remember that we are loved. As children, forgiven by grace, let us take time now to extend peace to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSIC for MEDITATION

Here I Am, Lord

Members of the UPC Quartet

Call to Confession

Trusting in the promise of grace, Ps. 62: 8 let us pour out our hearts before God.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with the liturgist)

God of unifying grace, we come distracted by the world. Our minds wander, and are filled with thoughts other than you. Our hearts are confused, and we are uncertain where we belong. Forgive us and call us to follow you once more. Redeem the night and bless the day that greets us this morning. May your relentless ways never fail as we strive to live as your beloved people. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Hear the good news! Before we turned to God, God was on watch for us. Before we remembered our sin, God extended redeeming grace. Hear these words: We are forgiven.

People: Thanks be that God stands watch over our very lives. Thanks be to God for the grace that meets us where we are.

Prayer for Illumination (liturgist)

Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. Amen.



First Reading: *Jonah 3: 1-10* (Pew Bible p.811; Large Print p.1639) – Liturgist

Gospel Reading: *Mark 1: 14-20* (Pew Bible p.764; Large Print p.1540)–Pastor

Pastor: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Following the Call

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

*Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (verses1-4)

#377

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

And They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Members of the UPC Quartet

**Doxology*

#592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

*Closing Hymn *Christ of the Upward Way* #344

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

2024 UPC Annual Congregational Meeting immediately after the service.

After the meeting, enjoy the fellowship of lunch hosted by Rev. Montgomery.

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

Our military men and women stationed around the world

The faculty and staff of Monroe County United Ministries

Mitchell Presbyterian Church, Byron Buker, Chaplain, is a small church in town west of Spring Mill State Park. We are without a full-time pastor at this time, but are blessed to have Chaplain Byron Buker of Bedford lead our Sunday morning worship services. Our pianist, Justin Bartlett of Bloomington, has provided beautiful music to our congregation for ten years. We are small in number and older in age, but we are a loving family that cares for our members. We financially support our community through the L.I.F.E. Food Pantry, generous donations to our local elementary schools, our Head Start Families, an annual \$1000 college scholarship to a graduating senior from Mitchell High School, and various non-profit groups in Mitchell and Bedford. Our church building and grounds are used by the Kiwanis Club, local Cub Scouts, and private individuals.

Our Mission Statement reads: "We are faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We witness for Him by sharing the Good News through worship, teaching and service, and being a caring church in our community."



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