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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**
PRELUDE *Prelude in F Major BWV 856--J.S. Bach* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Michelle Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: God gathers us together in this place.

People: Let us sing praise to the Lord.

Liturgist: God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.

People: Let us sing praise to the Lord.

Liturgist: God lifts the downtrodden and casts out wickedness.

People: Let us sing praise to the Lord.

Liturgist: We sing to God with thanksgiving.

People: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* #229



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: The one who lifts the lowly and brings down the mighty offers us a peace that passes all understanding. Claim the promise of this peace as you share greetings in Christ's name.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSIC for MEDITATION *Amazing Grace* Members of the UPC Quartet

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God. Therefore let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison with the liturgist)

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist: Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

Holy God, speak to us what has been told from the beginning, your Word that is the foundation of the world. Amen.



First Reading: *Isiah 40: 21 – 31* (Pew Bible p.552; Large Print p.1112) – Liturgist

Gospel Reading: *Mark 1: 29-39* (Pew Bible p.764; Large Print p.1541)–Pastor

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

SERMON *Responding to Grace* Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

***Hymn** *Lord, When I Came Into This Life* #522

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Souheil Haddad to be installed and Ruby Jo Barnett to be ordained and installed as deacons.

Fadi Haddad and John Swanson to be installed as elders.

Sentences of Scripture (1 Cor. 12: 4– 7, 27)

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts,

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way,

People: but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

Pastor: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

People: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

***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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

All ruling elders are invited forward for the laying on of hands.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

***HYMN:** *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* #510

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Breaking of the Bread Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory *The Lone Wild Bird* Members of the UPC Quartet

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* #434

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *There's a Wideness in Christ's Mercy* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen Anita Steverson Roby Lorimer Patty Lucas

His Eyes Mission Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project

Our military men and women around the world

The people of Ukraine and Middle East Our military men and women

The faculty and staff of Monroe County United Ministries



SHROVE TUESDAY




The Worship Team Presents

UPC's Sixth Annual Pancake Supper

February 13 – 6 p.m. – FREE

Pancakes—plain, blueberry, chocolate chip, no gluten.

Sausage Iced Tea O.J. Milk. Toppings!

Heritage Hall Ramblers Dixieland Band

