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April 7, 2024 – Deacon's Sunday Second Sunday of Easter



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reverend Susan McGhee

PRELUDE *Prelude in E Major BWV 854—J.S. Bach* Benjamin Watkins, piano



Today's Sanctuary Flowers are lovingly placed by John Swanson in celebration of his wife Colleen's birthday.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jay Haverstock, liturgist

Liturgist: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: The disciples knew Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

People: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Liturgist: Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son
you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him.
Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead
may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness.

**People: Jesus, we believe you; all we heard is true.
You break the bread and we recognize you.
You are the fire that burns within us.
Use us to light the world.**

***Opening Hymn No. 115.** *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Risen from the dead, Christ lives to grant us life.

God's love is stronger than death, and God's mercy is sure and true.

Trusting in the life, the love, the mercy,

let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison with Liturgist)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries
of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth
you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and
make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen
Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Liturgist)

Hear the good news, people of God: We are free! We are forgiven! Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, for the gift of new life.

PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)



Liturgist: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: As a forgiven and reconciled people,
let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

MUSIC for MEDITATION

I Danced in the Morning

Members of the UPC Quartet and Sami Haddad

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

Gracious and Holy God:

Give us wisdom to perceive thee, diligence to seek thee,
eyes to behold thee, a heart to meditate upon thee,
and a life to proclaim thee; through Christ the Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-5; 10-13* (Pew Bible p.566; Large Print p.1141) – Liturgist

Gospel Reading: *Luke 24:13-35* (Pew Bible p.808; Large Print p.1630)–Pastor

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

SERMON *Known in the Breaking of the Bread.* Reverend Susan McGhee

HYMN No. 106. *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**— The Apostle’s Creed (traditional) led by Rev. McGhee

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

Reverend Susan McGhee

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Members of the UPC Quartet and Sami Haddad

*Doxology #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Susan McGhee

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and 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.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion (in unison with the Pastor)

Jesus, we believe you; all we heard is true.

You break the bread and we recognize you.

You are the fire that burns within us.

Use us to light the world.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 104. *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Susan McGhee

POSTLUDE *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand*

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 Yoshi Yoshida,

His Eyes Mission in Honduras and leaders Valerie & Felipe Colby

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda and leader Jackson Kaguri

The people of Ukraine and Middle East

Our military men and women around the world

Brownstown Presbyterian Church, with Rev. James Blankenbeker as pastor, is a smaller congregation but we are growing! Please pray for our congregation to be open to the Spirit's guidance as we seek to engage our community. As we add new members, pray for new and expanded programs that meet people where they are and teach them the ways of Christ, so that we can be a blessing to our changing community to the glory of God.