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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**

PRELUDE *As the Deer* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Andy Hill, liturgist

Liturgist: Peace be with you.

People: Jesus stands among us.

Liturgist: Peace be with you.

People: The risen Lord is here.

***Opening Hymn** *Christ Is Alive* #108

PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)



Liturgist: As God leads us beside the still waters of grace, Christ invites us to offer these still waters of grace and peace to one another, that all may know the peace of God. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSIC for MEDITATION

God of the Sparrow

Members of the UPC Quartet

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin. Trusting in God's promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison with Liturgist)

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are" (1 John 3:1). Children of God, we are claimed by God,

forgiven of our sins, and set free for love.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

First Reading: *Acts 3: 12-19* (Pew Bible p.812; Large Print p.1679) – Liturgist

Second Reading: *I John 3: 1-7* (Pew Bible p.928; Large Print p.1878) – Liturgist

Gospel Reading: *Luke 24: 36-48* (Pew Bible p.808; Large Print p.1631)–Pastor

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

SERMON *Peace Be with You* Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus* #306

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—** The Apostles' 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 Reverend Cheryl Montgomery
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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* #538

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *It Is Well*

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
 Darian & Melanie Mathis McBride's daughter-in-law Sydney and her yet-to-be-born child.
 Both remain under critical care at Riley Hospital for Children. Medical plan is to induce labor
 on Monday if delivery hasn't happened by then.

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda

The people of Ukraine and Middle East

Our military men and women around the world

Our elementary, middle, high, college and grad students returning from Spring Break

The staff and faculty of Monroe County United Ministries

Cayuga Presbyterian Church, though a small congregation, we are also a close-knit community representing 14 families. We participate yearly with Church World Services, support mission work with both the Presbyterian Church (USA) by sending support to Elmarie Parker who serves as regional liaison to Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, and with Campus Crusades for Christ (CRU), plus One Great Hour of Sharing which this year we focused on the Sullivan Community recovery after the tornado. We have an Easter breakfast before worship and Christmas Eve Service which includes food and fellowship after the service. At Christmas we purchase clothing and toys for approximately 15 needy children and gift cards for shut-ins. We covet prayers for our small congregation, and especially for our wonderful supply preacher Emily Miller. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.



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