



United Presbyterian Church
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Mother's Day

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**

PRELUDE *To God Be the Glory* Benjamin Watkins, piano



Today’s sanctuary flowers are lovingly placed by Gerrit and Vera Heitink in memory of their beloved parents.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 1)

Deacon Michelle Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked

People: We delight in God’s Word, we meditate on God day and night.

Liturgist: Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water

People: God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God’s presence.

***Opening Hymn**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#466

PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)



Liturgist: Let our joy be complete as we celebrate our unity with God and with one another. With hearts opened wide, let us share signs of the peace of Christ this day. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSIC for MEDITATION

In the Garden

Anna Ambartsumian, soprano

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

As this Easter season comes to a close, we turn again to God to confess our sins, the sins of our community and our society, to prepare ourselves to live into the redemption Christ offers.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our

flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Hear the good news: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

First Reading: *Psalm 1* (Pew Bible p.405; Large Print p.828) – Liturgist

Second Reading: *I John 5: 9-13* (Pew Bible p.929; Large Print p.1880) – Liturgist

Gospel Reading: *John 17: 1-21* (Pew Bible p.825; Large Print p.1665) – Pastor

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

SERMON *Overhearing Jesus* Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #403

***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 & 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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Anna Ambartsumian, soprano

*Doxology #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

*Closing Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak* #426

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *Hear the Good News of Salvation* Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

The family of Sydney and Jesse McBride as they mourn the loss of infant Elliott McBride.
The family of Lance and Karen Like as they mourn the loss of Karen's father Yoshi Yoshida

Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen Anita Steverson Roby Lorimer

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Felipe and Valerie Colby

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

The people of Nigeria, Georgia, Ukraine and Middle East

Our military men and women around the world

The staff and faculty of Monroe County United Ministries

Prayers of gratitude for high school grad Glenda Nyarko & college grad Thomas Like
First Presbyterian Church of Columbus pastored by Rev. Felipe Martinez is celebrating its bicentennial in 2024. We are creating an update to our history book, last published at the 175th anniversary. We will have worship and fellowship special events (including a community-wide celebration at Donner Park on September 15 at 2:00 pm), and have created a 20-minute documentary/oral history video by a high school student who is part of the church as her senior project. The biggest part of the celebration is the FPC Bicentennial Legacy Endowment Fund, which will help members of the community with micro-grants to support self-sufficiency efforts. This will be a partnership with the Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County (the community foundation where the endowment will reside) and Lincoln Central Neighborhood Family Center (the service agency in the church's neighborhood which will disburse the yearly endowment allocation). Church mem-bers are well on their way to raise \$100,000, which will be matched by our church Foundation dollar-for-dollar up to \$100,000, and we have also received a match by the Lilly Endowment for an additional \$100,000. The church continues its Matthew 25 work focused on Eradicating Systemic Poverty, specifically advocating for Permanent Supportive Housing in Columbus. We are making progress in collaborating with local partners to catalyze this community-wide effort, which seeks to address needed coverage to a gap in the affordable housing continuum.