



United Presbyterian Church  
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Father's Day

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June 16, 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Father's Day



**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**      **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**

### PRELUDE

*This Is My Father's World*

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano



Today's sanctuary flowers are placed by Bill Rodemann, Louise Rodemann, Phil & Sherri Sera and Eric Roozee in celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of their cousin Allen Pease.

Sanctuary flowers are also placed by Allen Pease as a Father's Day tribute to Bob Hammel.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Elders Bob Hammel & Allen Pease, liturgists

Liturgist: Let us praise God in our time of need.

**People: God helps us. We will not fall for false saviors.**

Liturgist: Let us praise God, even in times of uncertainty.

**People: God protects us. We will walk by faith and not by sight.**

\*Opening Hymn      *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*      #142

### PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)



Liturgist: Let us share our hope in Christ as we share his peace with one another. Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### MUSIC for MEDITATION

Ana Ambartsumian, soprano

### Call to Confession (Liturgist Allen Pease)

When we gather to worship God, we remember that we are God's people, but we have often preferred our way instead of God's. Trusting God's power to make us new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

**Forgive us, Lord when we look to technology or power to bring us salvation.**

**Forgive us, Lord when we look at quantity or efficiency as signs of success.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and make us whole. Enable us to regard your world and each person, not through the prejudices that have shaped us, but through the love of Jesus Christ, the first fruit of your new creation. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (liturgist Allen Pease)

Liturgist: Hear the good news: In Christ, we are a new creation. Everything old has passed away

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Liturgist Bob Hammel)

Living Word of God, like garden soil prepared for tender spring plants, our hearts and minds are ready to receive the gift of your divine love story. May it live and grow in us forever.

Amen

**First Reading:** *Ezekiel 17:22-27* (pew Bible p.646; large print p.1302) Liturgist Bob Hammel

**Second Reading:** *2Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17* (pew Bible p.881; large print p.1780) Bob Hammel

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 4:26-34* (pew Bible p.767; large print p.1546) Rev. Montgomery

SERMON                      *God's Grace is Enough*                      Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Hymn:                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*                      #376

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—** The Apostles' Creed (traditional) led 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 for the Offering**

Offertory

*\*Doxology*                      #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

**\*Closing Hymn**    *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*                      #466

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION                      Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

## POSTLUDE

*Lift Every Voice*

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

**UPC Prayer List** - Email requests to: [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com).  
 Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen Anita Steverson Roby Lorimer  
 His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie & Felipe 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  
 Our students graduating from high school and college  
 The faculty and staff of Monroe County United Ministries  
 Monroe County's first responders, police officers and deputy sheriffs

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**Churches searching for Pastoral Leadership.** At any given time in our presbytery, several congregations are in search of installed pastoral leadership through the work of a PNC (pastor nominating committee). Other sessions are searching for part-time stated supply pastors. Still others are exploring the type of pastoral leadership that will best help them be in ministry to one another and their communities. Please pray for discernment for all involved in the search for pastoral leadership, for those pastors searching for a new call, and for the committee on ministry and presbytery staff that help guide congregations and pastors through times of transition.

**Commissioners to PC(USA) General Assembly:** Minister Commissioner: Rev. Hana Elliott; Elder Commissioner: Elder William Henderson (First, Mount Vernon); Please pray for these commissioners representing our presbytery, and for the other presbyteries' commissioners, too, as they prepare for and then experience the PC(USA) General Assembly, to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Pray that they will be filled with peace, wisdom, discernment, and endurance.