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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

PRELUDE

Adagio cantabile from Op. 13–L. v. Beethoven
Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Haverstock, liturgists

Liturgist: Let us put our trust in God, who knows our names.
People: The Holy One does not forsake those who seek God.
 Liturgist: Be gracious to us, Holy One.
People: For you are the One who lifts us from the storm.
 Liturgist: We praise you in every time in space.
People: We rejoice that your hand guides us.

*Opening Hymn *Blessed Assurance* #341

PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)



Liturgist: Like Christ, who says, "Peace!" in the middle of the storm, may our greetings bring peace to the spirits of our neighbors. Let us greet one another with signs of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

MUSIC for MEDITATION
Marielle Hug

Call to Confession (Liturgist) We strive to be strong and self-sufficient, but in truth we are in constant need of grace. In penitence and faith, let us confess our weakness to God and to one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (liturgist)

Liturgist: Sisters and brothers, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water; mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

God of eternity, by the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us this day, that hearing, we may know your truth and live ever more faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Reading: *Job 38: 1-11* (pew Bible p.401; large print p.820) Liturgist

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 6: 1-13* (pew Bible p.881; large print p.1781) Liturgist

Gospel Reading: *Mark 4: 35-41* (pew Bible p.767; large print p.1546) Rev. Montgomery

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

SERMON

Through the Storm

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Hymn:

How Firm a Foundation

#361

***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

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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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God's boundless generosity transcends the limits of this world and nudges us to fill our land with blessing. Through our energy, time, talents, and treasures, we usher God's peace into a world filled with storms and obstacles.

Let us bring to God our gifts and our offerings.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

**Doxology*

#592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *O Lord, Our God, How Excellent* #162

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE

I'll Fly Away

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

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

226th General Assembly, Salt Lake City, Utah

From the General Assembly Website:

Worship at the 226th General Assembly (2024) will embody this year's theme, "Live into Hope." Shaped by Scripture—especially Luke 4:16–20—and steeped in the words of Jane Parker Huber's hymn, these services will include passionate preaching, stirring song, fervent prayer, and inspiring testimony to the transforming work of Christ among us. As the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) listens for the voice of the Spirit and seeks the fulfillment of God's Word in this world, let us "live into hope!"

- June 25-27 – Online Committee Meetings
- June 29-July 4 – Plenary Sessions (Salt Lake City)
- Sunday, June 30 – Opening Worship Service



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