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United Presbyterian Church 1701 E. Second Street Bloomington, IN 47401

July 7, 2024 Holy Communion Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

**PRELUDE** Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano



**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are placed by Jim Haverstock in memory of his beloved wife Sue as July marks the month of her passing.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Stephanie Worden, liturgist

Liturgist:	God is mighty in word and deed.	
People:	God's mercy is everlasting.	
Liturgist:	Blessed be the one holy and living God.	
People:	Glory to God forever.	

**\*Opening Hymn** I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art #457

# PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: On the road of faith, we rarely feel up to the journey. Look around at your fellow travelers, then share signs of Christ's peace, for this peace is grace and strength for the journey. The peace of Christ be with you.

**\_** People: And also with you.

MUSIC for MEDITATION Marielle Hug

# CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

Let us confess our sins to God, whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison with Liturgist)

Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call. By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

- Liturgist: Hear the good news: God's grace and mercy are never ending. Our sins are forgiven, therefore be at peace.
- People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (liturgist)

Come, Holy Spirit; when we become stubborn and unbelieving, open our hearts to receive your Word, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ's love. Amen.

First Reading: *Ezekiel 2: 1-5* (pew Bible p.636; large print p.128174) Liturgist
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 (pew Bible p.885; large print p.1787) Liturgist
Gospel Reading: Mark 6: 1-13 (pew Bible p.768; large print p.1549) Rev. Montgomery
Pastor: The word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God

SERMON	Christ's Authority	Reverend Cheryl Montgomery
Hymn:	Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation	#417

\*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

**Reverend Cheryl Montgomery** 

## **HYMN OF PREPARATION**: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart #326 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

> Breaking of the Bread Communion of the People Prayer after Communion

### Call for the Offering

The first Sunday of the month UPC receives the Deacons Offering Offertory \*Doxology #592 Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

\*Closing Hymn Blessing and Honor #147

POSTLUDE

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

Noon today – Please join us!

The UPC Worship Team Presents ... A Benefit Recital for MCUM

Beethoven's Sonata in C Major Op. 2, No. 3 – Benjamin Watkins, piano

Admission: Item(s) for MCUM or cash/check.

Most needed: Laundry/dish soap, cereal, peanut butter, canned vegetables, boxed helper meals, ramen noodles and can openers.

The UPC Worship Team and the staff of Monroe County United Ministries appreciate your time and consideration.

Please thank Benjamin for his time as he faithfully volunteers every Thursday at the MCUM food pantry.

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 Presbytery of Ohio Valley staff and Executive Presbyter.
Those in our area who suffered loss and those still dealing with aftermath of the 6/25 storm The faculty and staff of Monroe County United Ministries Monroe County's first responders, police officers and deputy sheriffs
Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Elizabeth. Please pray for our little church family, and pray for us to find a pastor to help fill the needs of our congregation. Pray also for our Presbyterian Church as a whole.



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