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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**

PRELUDE *BWV 856–J.S. Bach* 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 (Psalm 100)

Deacon Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Liturgist: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Liturgist: For the Lord is good;

People: **his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

***Opening Hymn** *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* #220

PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)



Liturgist: Passing the peace of Christ heals the broken places in our lives and seals our bonds of fellowship. Let us take time to share this gift of peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

MUSIC for MEDITATION

Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Jesus loves us with steadfast tenderness; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with liturgist)

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Hear the good news! The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

Prayer for Illumination (liturgist)

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: *Ephesians 2: 11-22* (pew Bible p.891; large print p.1799) Liturgist

Gospel Reading: *Mark 8: 1 - 10* (pew Bible p.771; large print p.1553) Rev. Montgomery

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

SERMON *Feeding the 4,000* Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Hymn: *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy* #298

***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 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 for the Offering

Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *In Christ There Is No East or West* #439

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Part 1 – Mid-Year financial report Rev. Montgomery

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

Congregational Meeting – Part 2 We move to Fellowship Hall to discern possibilities and priorities for mission in our community and in the world. This second part will help the session

develop a position description for the next pastoral leadership. This will be over coffee and refreshments prepared by Jo Barnett.

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

The friends and family of Rev. David Rosen as they mourn his death

Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson Roby Lorimer

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda

The people of Nigeria, Georgia, Ukraine and Middle East

Our military men and women around the world

The faculty and staff of Monroe County United Ministries

First Presbyterian Church of Evansville pastored by Rev. Anna von Winckler, is in its 201st year of ministry and mission. We are a growing congregation of committed and generous people who embrace the diversity in which God created us all.

We have an excellent ministry of music, under the direction of Robert Nicholls, which is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music in America. We celebrate a vital children and youth ministry, under the leadership of Carrie Aiken, a member of the congregation. We have four parish visitors from the congregation who keep the bonds between the congregation and our shut-in members strong. The congregation has long been involved in issues of social justice and witness. We are members of CAJE – Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment – a community of religious communities in Evansville working together to bring needed change to our city. We also support many organizations in Evansville that minister to those living with food and shelter insecurity, as well as those who live with mental illness.

We affirm that God has blessed us to be a blessing to others. That is our mission for the next 200 years. Rev. Anna von Winckler serves as our transitional pastor, since Rev. Kevin Fleming's death, as the Pastor Nominating Committee works to find a pastor.



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