



United Presbyterian Church
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August 4, 2024
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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August 4, 2024 – Holy Communion – Deacons Offering



WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**

PRELUDE *The Church's One Foundation*

Benjamin Watkins, piano



Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed by Vera & Gerrit Heitink in loving memory of Gerrit's sister.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ephesians 4: 1-6)

Jim Haverstock, liturgist

Leader: Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called,

People: **Let us live with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

People: **Let us worship God!**

***Opening Hymn**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

#482

PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)



Liturgist: Having come together to lead lives worthy of our calling, let us share our unity in Christ as we exchange signs of peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

MUSIC for MEDITATION

God of the Sparrow

Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with liturgist)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us and restore us according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Hear the good news: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination (liturgist)

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

First Reading: *Exodus 16: 1 - 15* (pew Bible p.54; large print p.108) Liturgist

Second Reading: *Ephesians 4: 1 - 16* (pew Bible p.891; large print p.1801) Liturgist

Gospel Reading: *John 6: 24 – 35* (Pew Bible p.814; large print p.1643) Rev. Montgomery

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

SERMON

Bread of Life

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Hymn:

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

#345

***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: *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* #505

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 also receives the Deacons Offering
 Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* #510

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance* Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

NOTE: Join us for refreshments and fellowship hosted by Vera Heitink immediately after the service in Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the church.

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

Kathleen Olds 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

The faculty and staff of Monroe County United Ministries

College & Young Adult Sunday

Eternal God, your wisdom is greater than our minds can attain, and your truth confounds our learning.

To those who study, give curiosity, imagination, and patience enough to wait and work for insight.

Help them to doubt with courage, but to hold all their doubts in the larger faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Students, The Book of Common Worship, pg 911

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

6:00 p.m. – Movie with Meaning

The Worship Team presents to benefit UPC Music Program

FREE!

Donations accepted for the Music Program

Mad Hot Ballroom

A 2005 award winning documentary that follows NYC 4th & 5th graders as they journey into the world of competitive ballroom dance. It's told from their candid and hilarious perspective. "Crowd pleasing! Both comical and genuinely touching." – NY Times

Popcorn and Concession Candy night – FREE