



United Presbyterian Church

1701 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

Bloomington, IN 47401

(812)332-1850

[upcbloomington.org](http://upcbloomington.org)

[upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com)

**September 1, 2024**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00am**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing praise to the Lord, whose faithful love is forever,

**P: who seeks justice for all of creation, setting prisoners free, lifting up those who are bowed down; who watches over the estranged; and who sustains those who are without care.**

L: Sing praises to the one who loves the righteous and frustrates the ways of the wicked.

**P: Sing praise with all your life.**

\*OPENING HYMN: O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer #223

PASSING THE PEACE

Jesus has offered himself to each one of us out of a faithful and abiding love that is rooted in wholeness of life for all. Let us show our love for one another by extending signs of Christ's peace. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, from whom our help comes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God, you have been faithful, yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts. You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your commandments; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, the Lord is loving, merciful, and just. Therefore, we are reconciled to God and to one another, that we might walk in peace and love. Believe the good news of the gospel:

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, you are our God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, teach us through your Word to follow after you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING: Mark 12:28-34

SECOND READING: Ruth 1:1-18

SERMON: "The Wideness of God's Mercy"

\*HYMN: "There's a Wideness In God's Mercy" #298

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

**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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #376

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All who trust and believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate in this Sacrament. We hold the elements until all are served. Gluten-free bread is in the cup in the middle of the tray. We use grape juice for the cup.)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Please stand and form a circle around the perimeter of the sanctuary for the closing hymn and benediction.

\*CLOSING HYMN: Blest Be the Tie That Binds #438

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Stand if you are able

**Bold:** everyone

Worship Participants:

Pianist: Dr. Benjamin T. Watkins, music director

Vocalists: Ana Ambartsumian, soprano and Patrick Tervo, baritone

Liturgist: Elder Alejandra Spir Haddad

Preacher: Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

**UPC Prayer List**—email requests to [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com)

Allen Pease Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson Roby Lorimer

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie and Felipe Colby

Nyaka AIDS Orphans' Project in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

The people of Nigeria, Georgia, Ukraine, and the Middle East

Our military men and women around the world

Monroe County United Ministries

**Nabb Presbyterian Church** is a small congregation that contributes to a variety of mission projects locally and globally. The building is never locked and serves as a storm shelter for people living in the surrounding community.