

United Presbyterian Church
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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024

Elder Don Root, Guest Speaker

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed by the United Presbyterian Congregation in celebration of six years of service to UPC by Benjamin Watkins and 23 years of service To UPC by Allen Pease.

PRELUDE

Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Michelle Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Liturgist: All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

***Opening Hymn** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #466



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

MUSIC for MEDITATION

Members of the UPC Quartet

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin.

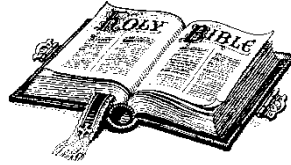
Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

O Lord, great God, all holy and most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your guidance and have gotten lost altogether. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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



Old Testament Reading *Psalm 112* (Pew Bible p464; large print p940) – Liturgist
 New Testament Reading *Ephesians 4:8-14* (Pew Bible p891; lrg print p1801) – Liturgist
 Gospel Reading *John 15* (Pew Bible p824; large print p1662) – Don Root
 Don Root – The word of the Lord
People – Thanks be to God

SERMON

Why Are We Here?

Elder Don Root

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— The Apostle's Creed (traditional) led by Elder Don Root
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.*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.



CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Members of the UPC Quartet

**Doxology*

#592

Prayer of Dedication – Elder Don Root

***Closing Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation* #442

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Elder Don Root

POSTLUDE *Rejoice the Lord Is King* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Allen Pease Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by the Colby's

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

Student's returning to elementary, middle and high school, university and grad school

The faculty and staff of Moinroe County United Ministries

Our military men and women around the world

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



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