



United Presbyterian Church  
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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** Benjamin Watkins, piano

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19)

Deacon Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**

Liturgist: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to the Lord,

**People: for God is our rock and redeemer.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *Morning Has Broken* #469



### 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.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison with Liturgist)

**God of grace and glory, bless us with your mercy and your steadfast love. When we pursue pointless gains and embark on dead-end journeys, guide us back to your ways. When we strive for our own righteousness, remind us that your righteousness is all we need. When we reject your teaching, or, even worse, reject your presence, love us and correct our ways. Forgive us and welcome us home into the arms of your grace and love. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

**People: By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed. Amen

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading *Mark 9:38-41 – Liturgist*

Second Reading *James 5:13-18 – Music Director*

The word of the Lord    **Thanks be to God**

## MEDITATION

*Our Collective Memory*

Benjamin Watkins

\*HYMN    *Amazing Grace*    #280

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—** The Apostle’s Creed (traditional)

**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

**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. 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    Members of the UPC Quartet

\**Doxology*    #592

Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN    *Thine Is the Glory*    #122

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Benjamin Watkins, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

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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 Monroe County United Ministries

Our military men and women around the world

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

**Greencastle Presbyterian Church**, Rev. Wes Kendall. Almost 200 years ago, our Church was founded by the Rev. Isaac Reed along with several other faith communities. We're looking forward to officially celebrating 200 years in 2025 - 200 years of praising God, serving God's people, and extending Christ's love into our community with real and direct help. Our mission is to be a "welcoming family of believers, here to LOVE like Jesus, LIVE like Jesus, and SERVE like Jesu.," We've been able to weather storms together and flourish in spite of challenges. In recent years, we've been blessed with the reemergence of children in worship and younger families joining our congregation. In many ways, we're a stronger church now than we were before COVID, and it's been a true joy to see new families and individuals finding a home here. We've also seen an increase in participation in some of our midweek programming - especially through our Enneagram group. We continues to serve Putnam County through the SAWs ministry - offering handicap accessible entry into homes at no cost. We've also expanded our community outreach in the past few years with Lifeline Youth & Family Services utilizing our new community resource room and the Isaiah 1:17 Project housing some of its supplies in another room. We are grateful for the chance to serve God in this unique place where the natural differences between our rural history, college town and growing downtown help us practice love for our neighbor.



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