



United Presbyterian Church
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Allen Pease

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision
Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Michelle Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: God is at work in the world

People: **To bring justice to the oppressed, to share food with the hungry, to provide shelter for the homeless, to set all people free.**

Liturgist: We come this morning

People: **To be reminded of God's justice, to be nourished by God's presence, to find home with God's people, to worship in joy and freedom.**

Liturgist: When we call, God will answer.

People: **For God's light breaks forth and God's healing is in our midst.**

Liturgist: Listen to God's voice say, "Here I am."

*Opening Hymn *Here I am, Lord* #525



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: Called to live as children of light, let us build one another up as we share signs of peace, and words of love. Let us share signs of Christ's peace: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

MUSIC for MEDITATION

Psalm 68 from Archbishop Parker's Psalter—Tallis
Members of the UPC Quartet

PRAYER of CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak." The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and forgives us.

People: **Thanks be to God!**



The Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 58:6-10* – Liturgist Heitink
The New Testament Lesson *Luke 6: 20 - 21* – Reverend Gilmore

Pastor: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Addressing Homelessness* Reverend Forrest Gilmore

Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* #343

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— The Apostle's Creed (traditional) led by Liturgist Heitink
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 – Deacon Michelle Heitink
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

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Deacon Michelle Heitink

***Closing Hymn** *I Danced in the Morning* #302

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Forrest Gilmore

POSTLUDE

He Lives

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

The UPC Congregation as they embark on the first Sunday of their 192nd year

Bob Hammel Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie and Felipe Colby

Nyaka Global in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

The people of Georgia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Middle East, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine

Our military men and women stationed around the globe

Smyrna-Monroe Presbyterian Church is located in Southern Indiana in Jefferson County, near the town of Madison and the Ohio River. We are a small church in the country with mostly elderly members. We regularly contribute to a local food pantry. We also support Mission Giving, Seminary, One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy Offering, and Englishton Park. Our church is over 180 years old.

Next Sunday – January 26 . . .

Annual UPC Meeting

The UPC Annual Congregational Meeting and presentation of the Annual Report is after morning worship Sunday, January 26. Please put this on your calendar now.

NOTE to church leaders:

Email your report to the church office [upcbloomington@gmail.com] ASAP. See Allen if you have questions.

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

This week our **Luke Bible Study** returns to Wednesday.
It's led by Elder Alejandra Haddad in the Anderson Parlor.
Bagels and coffee will be available. 10 to 11:30 a.m.

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