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WELCOME **The Reverend Carol Barrett**
ANNOUNCEMENTS **Elder Allen Pease**



Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed by Gerrit & Vera Heitink

Prelude in A Major, Op. 28 No. 7 – F. Chopin Benjamin Watkins, piano

MOMENT for MUSIC Benjamin Watkins

CALL TO WORSHIP from Hosea 6)

Elder Fadi Haddad, liturgist

Leader: Come, let us return to God. We come in pieces.

People: **God will heal us.**

Leader: We have been injured.

People: **God will bind up our wounds.**

Leader: With some time, God will revive us.

People: **After a while, God will restore us.**

Leader: So, let us know, let us press on to know God

People: **Who will appear as surely as the rising sun..**

Leader: Yes, God will come to us, like the rain,

People: **The Spring rain, watering the earth.**

***Opening Hymn** *Surely, It Is God who Saves Me*

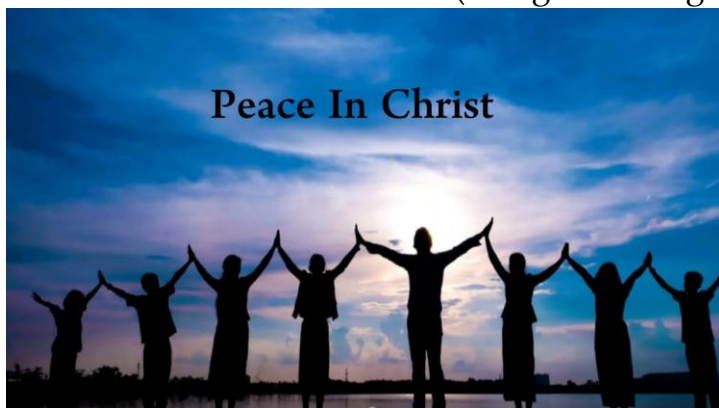
Surely it is God who saves me;

I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense

And God will be my Savior.

***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. The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

MUSIC for MEDITATION

As the Deer

Members of the UPC Quartet

PRAYER of CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

Forgiving, compassionate God, we thank you that you know us fully, in all of our giftedness, our goodness, and in our shortcomings.

Forgive us when we cannot let go of the wrongs done to us. Forgive us when we cannot bring ourselves to forgive.

The injustices of our world multiply geometrically.

If only we could spread your grace, partnering with you to bring healing.

Forgive our mistrust of your love. Forgive us when our envy separates us from one

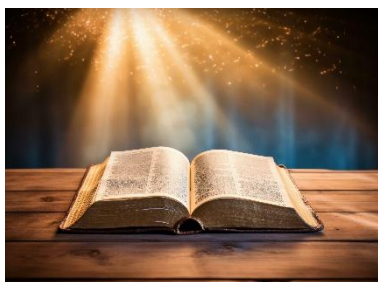
another. Show us how to embrace your abundance by releasing our fears of scarcity. Hear now our silent confessions.....

DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Old Testament Lesson *Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40* – Liturgist Haddad
The New Testament Lesson *I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50* – Pastor Barrett
 Pastor: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Brokenness to Beauty* Rev. Carol Barrett

***Hymn** *Live Into Hope* #332

***AFFIRMATION of FAITH** – (From Romans 8) led by Rev. Carol Barrett

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

People: **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him who loves us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God, that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

**Gloria Patri.* #579

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER – led by Rev. Carol Barrett

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 by Rev. Carol Barrett

***Closing Hymn** *Blest are They* See Page 5

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Carol Barrett

POSTLUDE *We All Are Called Today to Be Disciples of the Lord* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

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
First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, pastored by Rev. Grace Oh-Howard, is a vibrant community offering worship and Sunday school for all ages, Bible studies, classes on community services and personal finances, and a GriefShare program. We partner with organizations like the River Bend Food Pantry and Habitat for Humanity, dedicating 10% of our budget to mission causes. Our historic Mohler pipe organ, donated by Andrew Carnegie, continues to enrich our worship each Sunday. Currently, we are seeking a music director to enhance our worship and community outreach. Your prayers for our ministries, mission, and website development are appreciated.

The **Synod of Lincoln Trails** consists of eight presbyteries, 90,000+ members, and over 1,000 churches, colleges, nursing homes, and mission centers. Our geographical boundaries are Illinois and Indiana, and our office is located just north of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, up in Indianapolis. Please keep POV Commissioners to Synod Alejandra Haddad, David Holt, Susan Moorefield, and John VanderZee in your prayers. Rev. Sara Dingman is our Synod Executive, Blake Wood is our Stated Clerk, and Donna Hubbard is our Program and Operations Coordinator. We are all connected by the Holy Spirit; we pray for you and thank you for your prayers!

All are Welcome . . .

Please share in a time of refreshments, coffee and fellowship on the lower level of the church immediately after today's service hosted by the UPC Deacons.



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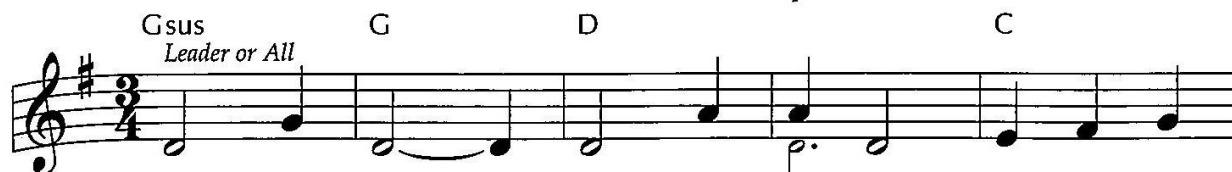
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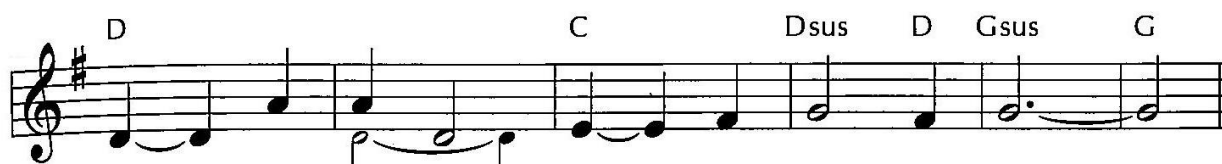
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1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -



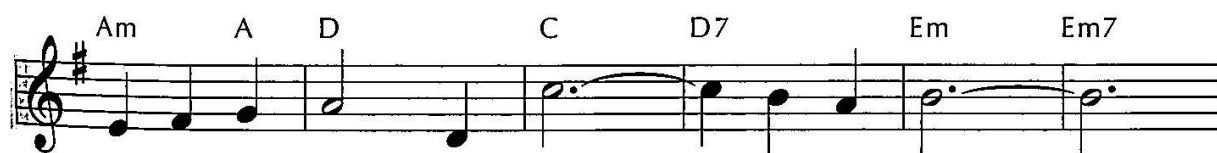
king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;



ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

David Haas, 1985
 MUSIC: David Haas, 1985, arr. David Haas and Michael Joncas, 1985
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BLEST ARE THEY
 Irregular