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July 20, 2025 Worship Guide
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Welcome & Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Patrick Tervo



Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed by Jim Haverstock in memory of his beloved wife Sue.

Call to Worship

Jim Haverstock, 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

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.

Declaration of Forgiveness

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!

***Gloria Patri** #579

Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: God sends this message of joy to all people, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

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



Music for Meditation

Patrick Tervo

Prayer for Illumination (Liturgist)

Loving God, your Word has the power to restore our lives. Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit, for you are mighty to save. Amen.



The Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 58:6-10* – Liturgist Haverstock

The New Testament Lesson *Luke 6: 20 - 21* – Reverend Gilmore

Pastor: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Reverend Forrest Gilmore

*Sermon Hymn:

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

#343

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—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.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer – Elder Don Root

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 for the Offering – Elder Don Root

Offertory

**Doxology #592*

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn:

I Danced in the Morning

#302

Charge and Benediction

Reverend Forrest Gilmore

Postlude

Patrick Tervo

Brief Six Month UPC Financial Review

Elder David Barnett

*Please stand if you are able

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

Bob Hammel Kevin Jones Roby Lorimer Virginia McCartney

Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson Benjamin Watkins

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

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

First Presbyterian Church of Seymour, pastored by Rev. Shellie Jordan, is a congregation of 110 members. We offer both a Sunday morning worship service in English and a Sunday afternoon Spanish language service. Since 1953, we have hosted AA meetings in a dedicated area of the church used only for the ten AA groups meeting weekly. In the fall of 2022, we opened a diaper pantry which serves about 500 residents of Jackson County. We support Anchor house with a yearly drive dedicated to meeting the needs of the people using that service. Our music programs include weekly anthems by a 14 to 18-person choir and a monthly bell choir (English handbells) performance. We have an active children's ministry which includes participation in worship, mission projects, and fellowship. We continue to seek ways to serve God in Seymour and beyond.



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The Deacons' Little Red Wagon for Pantry 279



Each day this week through next Sunday, July 29, will be Peanut Butter Day! Bring a 10 oz. jar of peanut butter – any brand, chunky or creamy – and deposit it in the Deacons' Little Red Wagon at the entrance to Fellowship Hall for delivery to Pantry 279.



Lights! Camera! Action! The UPC Worship Team presents!

Movies with Purpose!

Wed. July 23, & 30! 6 p.m. Fellowship Hall. FREE!



Wednesday — July 23 One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest



A 1975 psychological comedy-drama film based on the 1962 novel. It stars Jack Nicholson as a new patient at a mental institution and Louise Fletcher as the domineering head nurse. It won five Academy Awards — Best Movie, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director & Best Screen Play — one of only three films to achieve that in Academy Awards history. In 1993, it was deemed "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" by the United States Library of Congress, and selected for preservation in the National Film Registry.

NOTE: *The film has a very powerful message as well as strong language. Not recommended for those 16 and under.*

Popcorn & Pizza Night hosted by Souheil & Alejandra Haddad — FREE

Wednesday, July 30 Reviving the West Baden Colored Church: A Labor of Love

This 2024 documentary is the heart-warming true story of restoring the historic, century old West Baden Colored Church. It has aired on PBS-TV and been critically acclaimed. It was co-produced by our friend Elizabeth Mitchell and three partners.

Elizabeth will be with us in-person to introduce the film
and conduct a Q&A afterwards.

Popcorn and Concession Candy night hosted by The Worship Team — FREE

Movies with Purpose benefit UPC's Worship Team Music Program. These are movies the Team finds meaningful. They illustrate positive life lessons while thought provoking & entertaining. **Admission is free. Refreshments are free.** A donation box for free-will donations to the UPC Music Program will be available.

The Worship Team continues to implementing UPC's flowers in the Sanctuary each Sunday. Those wishing to sponsor Sanctuary Flowers for a particular Sunday may call Allen at 812-325-7849, email upcbloomington@gmail.com or check the sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

Sanctuary Flowers enhance the worship experience.

Summer is excellent times to dedicate flowers to the memory of a loved one. Flowers may also mark a birthday, anniversary, baptism, promotion, graduation or other milestones of life.

Mary M's Walnut House Flowers continues to provide the arrangements. Cost is \$25 which includes delivery. Once the reservation is made, the Worship Team orders and arrange for delivery. Sponsors may also provide their own floral arrangements if they wish.

