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August 3, 2025 Worship Guide
Holy Communion

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Welcome The Reverend Carol Barrett

Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude *E Major BVW 854* – J.S. Bach Benjamin Watkins

Call to Worship

Deacon Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty!

People: Who was, and is, and is to come!

Liturgist: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory, and honor and praise.

People: For You created all things, and by Your will we were created, and have our being.

Liturgist: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

People: To receive power, and honor, and wisdom, and glory and praise!

Liturgist: To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

People: Be praise and honor and glory and power, now and forever!

***Opening Hymn** *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!* #138

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

You call us to abide in you, Lord Jesus. You are the vine, we are your branches. We may abide, but do we really rest? We abide, but do we bear fruit? The Master Gardener comes looking for His fruit. He clips off whatever stands in its way. Forgive us when we push away Your shears. Forgive us when we think we make the fruit ourselves. Forgive us, too, when we doubt anything good can grow on us. Hear now, our silent confessions.....

Declaration of Forgiveness – Rev. Carol Barrett

***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 Benjamin Watkins

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.



First Reading *Jeremiah 17:7-16a* – Liturgist Heitink

Second Reading *John 15: 1-8* – Rev. Barrett

Pastor: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon *Macrocarpa* Reverend Carol Barrett

***Sermon Hymn:** *Seek Ye First* #333

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— Apostle’s Creed (traditional) led by Rev. Barrett

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

"Blessed are You, Lord God.....and so, with the company of all believers and those around the throne of God we sing....

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.

God in three persons, blessed Trinity! (#138)

Pastor: We give you thanks for the Word made flesh in Jesus of Nazareth...Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Prayers of the People & **The Lord's Prayer** – Elder Alejandra Haddad

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

The Deacons Offering will also be received

Offertory – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

**Doxology #592*

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *My Shepherd will Supply My Need* #172

Charge and Benediction Reverend Carol Barrett

Postlude *Sonata in A-flat Major I. Moderato cantabile molto espressivo*

Opus 110 – Ludwig van Beethoven Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

The family of Bob Hammel as they mourn his passing

Kevin Jones Roby Lorimer Virginia McCartney Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

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

Spencer Presbyterian Church, the little stone church with the big red doors, has been a part of this community since the 1870's. The sanctuary is a Swiss-inspired design offered as a gift from Calvin Fletcher Jr.. We have a food pantry which reaches several hundred people a month and an outreach for needs to the three elementary schools. Our church and buildings offer meeting places for groups around Owen County. Members volunteer for many projects, such as Emmaus walks and meeting needs offering housing. The church is led by Elder Ron Strohe.

Robert Dale "Bob" Hammel

Tuesday, October 6th, 1936 - Sunday, July 20th, 2025

Robert Dale (Bob) Hammel, 88, passed away on July 20, 2025 at Bell Trace.

Hammel, a lifelong Indiana resident, was a 52-year newspaper journalist. He spent 40 years with the Bloomington Herald-Telephone and Herald-Times, 30 as sports editor.



He was born in Huntington, Ind., Oct. 6, 1936, to Dale T. and Beatrice M. (Betty) Hammel. He married Julie Sowerwine June 22, 1958, in Huntington. She survives, along with their son, Dr. Richard Hammel (Marcie), Cincinnati; daughter Jane Priest (Fred), Martinsville; granddaughters Mackenzie Hammel (Dr. Reza Ghoorkhanian), Cincinnati, and Cameron Hammel, Boston; step-granddaughters Stephanie Hubbard (Jason), Martinsville, and Stacy Larison (Matt), Bellefontaine, Ohio; seven step-great-grandchildren; a great-great grandson; a brother, William Hammel, Indianapolis, and several nieces and nephews. Sister Joy Kennedy and brother, James Hammel preceded in death.

A graduate of Huntington High School in 1953, Hammel attended Indiana University for a year, then, at 17, took a summer job as sports editor of the Huntington Herald-Press. Fall came and, rather than returning to IU, he stayed on for eight years. He worked at newspapers in Peru, Fort Wayne, Kokomo and Indianapolis before being hired at 30 in 1966 by the late editor and publisher Perry Stewart to be sports editor of the Bloomington Herald-Telephone. In Bloomington starting under Stewart, he won 21 Indiana Sportswriter of the Year awards, he was inducted into the Indiana Journalism, U.S. Basketball Writers Assn., Football Writers Assn. of America, the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Assn., Indiana University Athletics and Monroe County Sports Halls of Fame. He served terms as president of the USBWA, FWA and the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Assn. He is listed in the Naismith International Basketball Hall of Fame (as a recipient of its Curt Gowdy Media Award) and College Football Hall of Fame (for receiving the FWA's Bert McGrane Award).

He covered five Olympic Games, 23 NCAA Final Fours, and 29 Indiana high school basketball tournament championships and other major events. He authored or co-authored 14 books, and he received many state and national awards for game stories and columns. In 1996 Gov. Evan Bayh gave him the state's Sagamore of the Wabash award. At an event marking his own retirement as Big Ten commissioner in 2020, James Delany said "Bob Hammel is simply the most important Big Ten writer in the last 50 years."

He retired from sports writing in 1996 and for 10 years wrote Sunday Op-Ed columns (including many that were especially popular, featuring his wife "Sweet Julie"). After retiring from the newspaper, from 2006 to 2019 he had an office at Cook Group headquarters in Bloomington, the base from which he wrote two biographical books on Cook company founder William (Bill) Cook.

He also was the writer for the 2002 autobiography of one of his closest friends, longtime IU basketball coach Bob Knight. In 2012, he wrote a second book with Knight, *The Power of Negative Thinking*. Most of his other books were related to IU athletics, primarily basketball. In 2019, he wrote a memoir, *Last Press Bus Out of Middletown*.

A 50-year member of United Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, he delivered the church's Father's Day message for 25 years (1993 through 2017). With personal contributions augmenting his share of income from a 1966 Bloomington Press Club roast in his honor, he endowed three continuing annual IU scholarships given to incoming freshmen and carrying along with his name those of Perry Stewart, Jennie B. Wilson (his Huntington High School English teacher), and Jane Hammel Priest (his career-teacher daughter).

Special to him was his wide array of friendships that included many coaches and athletes he covered, from his earliest years in Huntington through a cross-section of sports, as were a number of H-T sportswriters who went on to their own Hall of Fame recognition, and Bloomington-reared book authors Michael Koryta and Greg Dawson, whose careers he treasured. That group also includes H-T sports alumna writers Kristin Huckshorn and Tracy Dodds, who went on to national careers and recognition as early leaders in foundation of AWSM – American Women in Sports Media.

Besides files of IU, Big Ten and NCAA sports information from over the years, a prized personal accumulation was a 3,000-volume home library, each book self-selected. More than 800 were donated to form the Bob Hammel Library at Gentry Park senior living center in Bloomington. After family and friends' selections, remaining books and some personal IU sports memorabilia was featured in the 40th anniversary Hoosier Hills Food Bank's 2024 event. Hoosier Hills was the beneficiary of \$26,000 from his 2020 recognition by the three Bloomington Rotary Clubs with their annual Service Above Self award.



Father's Day 2014 at UPC
The Hammel Family

A time to visit with Bob's family was held Sunday July 27, 2025 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at The Funeral Chapel and Crematory of Powell and Deckard in Bloomington. Over 300 friends and family visited.

A Memorial Service was held at 3:00 pm following the visitation with 160 in attendance. United Presbyterian's Revered Carol Barrett presided. Music was provided by pianist Benjamin Watkins and soprano Amanda Biggs. Those paying tribute were William Hammel, Rex Kirts, Michael Koryta, Dr. Alejandra Haddad, Carl Cook, Scott Dolson, Dr. Richard Hammel as well as Revered Barrett.

The family invited all to share a meal following the service in no better place to celebrate Bob than at his beloved IU. IU Athletics graciously offered Henke Hall of Champions. They chose to celebrate with the food he would have had at those 1000+ events he covered. The Game Day menu salads, chicken fingers, hot dogs, mac and cheese, chips and dip, brownies, cookies, popcorn, butter pecan ice cream and Diet Cherry Pepsi.

Donations in Bob's memory can be given to United Presbyterian Church 1701 E. Second St. Bloomington IN 47401 or Hoosier Hills Food Bank P.O. Box 697 Bloomington, IN 47402.