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Welcome Elder Alejandra Haddad

Prelude *Praeludium in G Minor* BWV 885 – J.S. Bach Benjamin Watkins

Call to Worship (Psalm 80)

Elder Jan Berend Heitink, Liturgist

Liturgist: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: Stir up your might and come to save us!

Liturgist: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

People: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

Liturgist: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

People: It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river.

Liturgist: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see.

People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

***Opening Hymn** *Today We are Called to be Disciples* #434

Call to confession

Try as we might to follow Jesus, at some point we always fail. But our failure does not have the power to separate us from God. Trusting Christ's grace, let us confess our sin together:

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Friends, look around! We are indeed surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. We are the body of Christ, the family of faith, all of us both saints and sinners. The grace we receive in baptism washes away our shame and brokenness and unites us with one another in bonds of love and kinship. Proclaim the good news with me:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 *Theme from Sonata Op. 109 – Ludwig van Beethoven* Benjamin Watkins

Prayer for Illumination (Liturgist)

Lord Jesus, who brought the fire of the Holy Spirit, may that fire burn within our hearts as we read the scriptures.



The Gospel Lesson *Luke 12: 49-56* Elder Alejandra Haddad

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

Sermon *Fire on Earth* Elder Alejandra Haddad
*Sermon Hymn: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* #315

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— (from A Brief Statement of Faith) led by Elder Haddad

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers of the People & 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. 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
Offertory
**Doxology #592*
Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn: *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* #540

Charge and Benediction Elder Alejandra Haddad

Postlude *He Lives* Benjamin Watkins

Announcements Elder Allen Pease

*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

Our **First Presbyterian Church** is just off the city square in Sullivan. We serve our weekly meal at Community Kitchen, needed now more than ever. We've been doing this for 25 years, with a small break for Covid. We're small enough that we know one another and share in each other's lives. Our membership is small, mighty, and always present in the community.



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UPC August Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 1	Nabil Turk	August 19	Rachael Caroline Worden
August 7	Lou Malcomb	August 20	Souheil Haddad
August 15	Darian McBride	August 20	Nichole Heitink
August 16	Vera Heitink	August 25	Rev. John Napoli

Bloomington Chamber Singers . . .

Bloomington Chamber Singers invites new singers to audition for our 2025-26 season! We have openings in all sections—soprano, alto, tenor, bass.

The Bloomington Chamber Singers is a 40-voice choir performing since 1970. Starting this fall, we are under the leadership of a new Artistic Director, Caio Lopes, with a great season of music ahead: Brazilian music, Handel's Messiah, Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Cancionero Gitano, Duruflé's Requiem, and Beethoven's 9 Symphony.

Auditions will be held August 19, 26, or Sept 2. Learn more and sign up for an audition time at chambersingers.info.



The Mulryan-Iverson Music Endowment for UPC.



Judie Iverson was an active member of United Presbyterian Church for many years until her passing on June 26, 2021. Her family desired to do something meaningful and lasting in her memory. Judie loved music and she loved her church family and thus a contribution in support of the music program of United Presbyterian Church seemed appropriate.

In July of 2021, Krista Detor, daughter of Judie, presented UPC with a \$500 check. Krista noted that Judie loved music so much and was so pleased with the work of Music Director Benjamin Watkins, that her family would repeat the donation annually in her memory.

In 2022, the arrangement was formally organized as The Mulryan-Iverson Music Endowment for United Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, Indiana or . . .

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Since 2021, Judie's family has donated \$500 annually via The Hundredth Hill. In 2022, the Souheil & Alejandra Haddad family made a pledge of an annual donation and have done so annually. Other UPC members and friends made donations to the Endowment each August.

The Worship Team will receive 2025 donations through Sunday, August 31.