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August 17, 2025 Worship Guide

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Welcome Reverend Carol Barrett

Prelude in C – BWV 870 – J.S. Bach Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship

Deacon Vera Heitink, Liturgist

Liturgist: We have come today to praise our Lord!

People: Praise God, all you angels! Praise God, you heavenly hosts!

Liturgist: Praise God, sun and moon, and all you shining stars!

People: Praise God from the earth, you creatures of the sea and land and skies!

Liturgist: Praise God, both rulers and lowly ones,

People: Children and women and men!

Liturgist: Let everything that has life and breath, praise the Lord!

***Opening Hymn** *God of the Sparrow* #272

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Great God of the adventure of faith, we confess our tendency to hold onto fears, until they take up permanent residence within us. Prune from us our branches of fear. Grow instead Your fruit of faithfulness. Nudge our faith, that we may open our wounds, trust Your good will, and take a first step into the unknown. 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

Service of Installation

Lance Like to the Office of Deacon – Class of 2027

Music for Meditation *Pretty Place* Composed and performed by Benjamin Watkins

Prayer for Illumination (Liturgist)

Gracious and Holy God: give us Diligence to seek Thee, Wisdom to perceive Thee, Eyes to behold Thee, a Heart to meditate upon Thee, and a Life to proclaim Thee; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 12:1-4* – Liturgist Heitink

The New Testament Lesson *Hebrews 11:1-16* – Rev. Barrett

Pastor: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *God's Hall of Fame* Rev. Carol Barrett

***Sermon Hymn:** *Here I Am, Lord* #525



Please join us for refreshments and fellowship immediately after the service on the lower level of the church. Hosted by the Deacons, all are welcome.



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.



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.