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Welcome Reverend Carol Barrett

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship

James Rogers, Liturgist

Liturgist: Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the whole world,

People: From everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Liturgist: Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love,

People: That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

***Opening Hymn** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* #285

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Lord, how difficult it is to trust You when we cannot see ahead. We seek guarantees of safety. We cling to the familiar rather than let You set us free. Forgive us when we limit both You and ourselves in these ways. May we risk following You into the unknown, as Abraham did. May we return to solid sources of healing and hope as Naomi did. You, O Lord, are trustworthy. 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 *Andante cantabile* from K.333 – W. A. Mozart 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 *Ruth 1-4* – Liturgist Rogers

The New Testament Lesson *Mark 12:28-34* – Rev. Barrett

Pastor: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *In Between Stories* Rev. Carol Barrett

***Sermon Hymn:** *My Shepherd Will Supply* #172

Affirmation of Faith— From Confession of Belhar led by Reverend Barrett

We believe that... "God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God, pure and undefiled religion is to

visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream."

Prayers of the People & 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

Offertory

**Doxology #592*

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *We Are Marching in the Light of God* See pages 5&6 ➔

Charge and Benediction Reverend Carol Barrett

Postlude *Intermezzo* in A major from Opus 118 – J. Brahms Benjamin Watkins

Announcements Elder Allen Pease

*Please stand if you are able

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

Kevin Jones Roby Lorimer Virginia McCartney Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

The people of Georgia, Nigeria, Middle East and Ukraine

Unity Presbyterian Church of Terre Haute, pastored by Rev. Alan Finnan, is in the midst of a renaissance and we welcome the prayers of the POV and its congregations as we seek to clearly discern the vision God intends for us. Nearing the end of our strategic plan, our Session, with the help of the congregation, began the process of revising and reimagining the goals of our plan to carry us further toward our mission of nurturing a caring environment that encourages spiritual exploration and personal growth. In the past five years, God blessed us to do:

- Create an outdoor sanctuary on our property by clearing invasive species off our campus
- Build an outdoor pavilion for church and community use
- Plant a 40-tree orchard to provide apples and pears for our food pantry families
- Construct a playground that is handicap accessible
- Install a new digital sign to help advertise the amazing things God has done for us
- Document the best practices effectively manage the various ministries of our church

Having completed internal improvements, Unity continues to engage with our community. Participating in community activities, we're working to make Unity known so all we interact with see we're dedicated to cultivating a welcoming, equitable and inclusive body of believers. We're in a period of transition, looking for a new Pastor. God has blessed us with excellent bridge leadership. We're dreaming big and welcome prayers of encouragement and support from the POV and its congregations as we continue to follow where the Holy Spirit is leading.

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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.



4:00 p.m. **TODAY** Fifteenth annual free concert . . .

Down with Love: Battle of the Exes in Broadway Opera, and the Great American Songbook!
featuring music of Harold Arlen, Cole Porter, Rodgers & Hart and Hoagy Carmichael.



Join us today at **First Presbyterian Church**, 221 East Sixth Street. Pittsburgh soprano **Anna Singer** and North Carolina tenor **Joseph Ittoop** unite with Bloomington baritone **Richard Lewis** and Baton Rouge **Michael Borowitz** at the piano.

Our operatic scenes by Bizet, Mozart, Puccini and Tchaikovsky are featured in the "gala" concert-within-a-concert.

We continue our annual tradition of accepting donations to benefit Fairview Elementary School's literacy and arts integration programs. Since 2014, you – our audience – has raised **over \$36,000** for these vital programs. This generosity helps provide Fairview students – whose families often face significant economic challenges – with opportunities to excel in ways they may never have dreamed possible. We'll provide info at the concert about ways to give in person by QR code. Please plan to join us in person today at 4 p.m.



On Facebook: "Down with Love: Battle of the Exes".



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 . . .

The Mulryan-Iverson Music Endowment for UPC.

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.

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo

oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo

oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...