



United Presbyterian Church
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August 31, 2025 Worship Guide
A Service of Music and Text

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Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Minute for Music Benjamin Watkins

Prelude *I Danced in the Morning* Benjamin Watkins, piano



Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed by Fadi & Aline Hadad in loving memory of Fadi's parents Aida & Fuad Haddad.

Call to Worship

Jim Haverstock, Liturgist

Liturgist: Gathered to worship God,

People: we are all right where we belong.

Liturgist: Called to this celebration of worship by God's Spirit,

People: we approach God with joy in our hearts.

Liturgist: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son,

People: we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

***Opening Hymn** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #466

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Our God is a generous God, bestowing grace immeasurably, loving us beyond what we can imagine, and forgiving us before we know to ask. To this God of generosity, love and forgiveness we now turn as we confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness (Liturgist)

God alone has the authority to judge, and by the grace of Jesus Christ, God has declared that we are forgiven of all our sin. 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 *Movement de Menuet* – M. Ravel Benjamin Watkins, piano

Prayer for Illumination (Liturgist)

Open our hearts and minds, O God, by your Holy Spirit's power, that as scripture is read and the Gospel announced, we might receive with open hearts whatever you speak to us this day. Amen.



Today's Scriptures:
Liturgist: Jim Haverstock

The First Reading – *Psalm 81: 1, 10-16*

The Gospel Reading – *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

Hymn To the tune of *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* #48

1. Most perfect is the law of God, restoring those that stray; His testimony is most sure,
Proclaiming wisdom's way. The precepts of the Lord are right; With Joy they fill the heart;
2. The statutes of the Lord and truth, and righteousness most pure. They warn from ways
of wickedness displeasing to the Lord, And in the keeping of His Word there is a great
reward.

The Old Testament Lesson *Exodus 20* – Liturgist Haverstock
Liturgist: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments

UPC Quartet

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed (traditional) led by Liturgist

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:** *The Church's One Foundation* #442

Charge and Benediction Elder Don Root

Postlude *I'll Fly Aay* Benjamin Watkins

*Please stand if you are able

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

Andy Hill's cousin, Jeff, passed last Sunday. Pray for Andy and all families as they mourn his loss. The service is this weekend.

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

Presbyterian Seminaries – O God, you are the giver of life and new life.

Each of us longs to draw close to you, and to see our lives transformed in the image of Jesus Christ; come and make all things new.

Our seminaries need your presence to become wise, able to discern your vision for ministry in this changing world; come and make all things new.

Renew your churches with servants and leaders, that all may participate in your great purposes in the world you so love; come and make all things new. Amen. *Prayer by Dr. Gary Hansen, author of Kneeling with Giants: Learning to Pray with History's Best Teachers*

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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.



Johann Sebastian Bach

Concerto in D Minor BWV 1052

Noon – September 21

Benjamin Watkins – piano

with Contra Bassoon and Violins

Free Admission – All are welcome.

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Last Day for 2025 Donations!



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 ending today.