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Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Welcome Reverend Carol Barrett

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship

Deacon Andy Hill, Liturgist

Liturgist: The whole earth is filled with awe at the wonders of God,

People: where morning dawns, where evening fades

Liturgist: The Lord cares for the land and waters it,

People: to enrich it abundantly.

Liturgist: God's streams are filled with water to provide the people with grain.

People: The Lord crowns the year with bounty,

Liturgist: Is it any wonder that we have gathered to worship?

***Opening Hymn** *Praise My Soul, King of Heaven* #478

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Lord, You call us to a life of forgiveness,

but aren't some things unforgivable?

Our wounds of disappointment just don't heal.

Instead, they build walls.

Some of us forgive others, but seldom ourselves.

Forgive us the grudges we harbor.

Forgive us our demands for retribution.

Forgive us our judgements as to who deserves Your

grace. May we instead listen to the voice of Jesus praying from the cross, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do". 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 *The Lone Wild Bird* UPC Quartet

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 *Psalms 103:1-4, 8-12* – Liturgist Hill

The New Testament Lesson *Matthew 6: 5-14*– Rev. Barrett

Pastor: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *The Lord's Prayer – Part III* Rev. Carol Barrett

***Sermon Hymn:** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* See last pages of Worship Guide

Affirmation of Faith— From the Heidelberg Catechism led by Reverend Barrett

Pastor: What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

People: **I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.**

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer – Lay Minister 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 – Lay Minister Alejandra Haddad

Offertory

**Doxology #592*

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *I Then Shall Live* See last pages of Worship Guide

Charge and Benediction Reverend Carol Barrett

Postlude Benjamin Watkins

*Please stand if you are able

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

Prayers of joy as Souheil and Alejandra welcome their first two grandchildren into the world

Prayers for the two new mommies

Kevin Jones Roby Lorimer Virginia McCartney Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie & Felipe Colby

Nyaka Global in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

All the food pantries of Monroe County as they struggle with increased demand

The people of Georgia, Nigeria, Middle East and Ukraine

First Presbyterian Church of Montezuma (Trinity Parish) is a faithful congregation caring for the needs of its members and community for over 170 years. We provide a weekly school backpack program that supplies food and snacks. We support the Parke County food pantry and the Clothing Closet and mobile food pantry at another church. For years our deacons have planted and maintained beautiful flowers throughout town with 4-H members. Our church joined United Presbyterian Church of Clinton and Memorial Presbyterian Church of Rockville to successfully create Trinity Parish. In this time the Parish has shared worship, Bible study, choirs, some missions, and fun activities involving food and fellowship. All of Trinity Parish has been attending our Worship Center this summer, and it's been upgraded to make it more applicable to worship. We want our community to know our church is still active as always, even though the building may look different. We have an active Worship Committee while we are without a pastor, excellent guest speakers, and a faithful choir that adds to our worship services. With our Presbytery Moderator, decisions are being made about our church and Trinity Parish. We ask for continued prayers while we maintain our unique identity and purpose as the First Presbyterian church of Montezuma, Indiana.



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.



TODAY at NOON!

Johann Sebastian Bach Concerto in D Minor BWV 1052

Piano, Contra Bassoon, Cello, Viola and Violins Free – Donations accepted – All welcome.



World Communion Sunday . . .

. . . is a special day to gather as one body in the name of Jesus Christ all around the world, sharing in God’s love together.

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WE ARE PEACEMAKERS

In Romans 14:19, Paul calls us to know our neighbors, both around the corner and around the world, not as “them” but as “us,” friends and siblings in Christ. Pursuing peace is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church.



This PC(USA) Special Offering will be received at UPC World Communion Sunday, October 5.

We are the Church, together, and we aren’t waiting. Through our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we are able, as a single congregation, to actively participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. Our gifts will combine with churches across the PC(USA) to pursue paths to peace here and around the globe. 25% is kept by the UPC congregation, 25% goes to the mid council, and 50% is used by the PC(USA) to work for peace and justice around the world.

☛ *Would You Like to Help?* ☛

Reverend Barrett, Music Director Benjamin Watkins and the UPC Worship Team are planning a very special observance of World Communion Sunday.

There are a number of ways you could pitch in.

World Communion will be served with Breads of the World. Baking a regional, national or old family bread recipe would be most welcome. Just a small one. If you’d like to do this, let Allen know.

After the World Communion service, reflecting the diversity of our congregation is a goal.

If you’d like to donate an entrée, side dish or dessert reflecting your background, let Allen know.

It is planned to have readings in the languages of UPC during the service.

We have volunteers for Dutch and German. If interested, let Allen know.

Attire reflecting national origin would also be most welcome – wear what you like.

World Communion Sunday – October 5

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

much to be con-soled, as to con-sole, to be

un-der-stood, as to un-der-stand, to be

loved, as to love, with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one

I Then Shall Live

Song by Gaither Vocal Band • 2003

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven
And I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid
I know my name is clear before my Father
I am His child, and I am not afraid (ah, ah, ah, ah-)
(I am not afraid) (ah, ah, ah, ah-)
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother (I will forgive)
The law of love (I will), I'll gladly will obey
I then shall live (I then shall live)
I then shall live (I then shall live)
I then shall live (I then shall live)
I then shall live
I then shall live as one who's learned compassion
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges
I'll dare to see another's point of view
And when relationships demand commitment
Then, I'll be there (I'll be there) to care and follow through
Ah-ah-ah-
Your Kingdom come around and through and in me, oh-oh
Your power and glory, let them shine through me (shine through me)
Your hallowed Name, oh, may I bear with honor
And may Your living kingdom come in me, in me
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor
And may You feed a hungry world through me, through me
Amen, amen
Amen, amen
Amen, amen
Amen, amen
Amen

Songwriters: Don Marsh / Gloria L. Gaither

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