



**Beloved, let us love one
another, for love is from
God, and whoever loves has
been born of God and knows
God.
1 John 4:7**

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September 28, 2025 Worship Guide

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Announcements Elder Allen Pease
Welcome Reverend Susan McGhee

Prelude *Sonata in B Minor K. 87* – D. Scarlatti Benjamin Watkins, piano

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Elder Stephanie Worden, Liturgist

Liturgist: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us come into God's presence with a joyful heart,
a willing spirit, and songs of praise.

People: Amen! We worship God.

*** HYMN N^o 462** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

Music for Meditation *I Heard a Voice from Heaven* – T. Moreley UPC Quartet

CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

In penitence and faith, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison with Liturgist)

God of everlasting love,

we confess that we have been

unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another.

We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you and your people.

**We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.**

**Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness
of our covenant with you and one another.**

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(all pray in silence....)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

People of God, hear the good news:

As far as the East is from the West,

so far does God remove our sin from us.

in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory to God! **Amen.**

THE WORD, READ AND PROCLAIMED

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 (Liturgist)

Psalm 8:1-9

The New Testament Lesson (Pastor)

1 John 4:7-19

Reverend: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**



The Sermon

As Seasons Come and Go

The Reverend Susan McGhee

* **HYMN N^o 285** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

* **DECLARATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed (No. 14)

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

To be installed to active service on the Session: Ruling Elder Stephanie Worden

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Rev. Susan McGhee

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

THE OFFERING OF OUR TREASURE: Rev. Susan McGhee

Call for the Offering

Offertory

* **The Doxology #592**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **HYMN N^o 522**

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Susan McGhee

THE POSTLUDE: *Now Thank We All our God* Benjamin Watkins, piano

*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

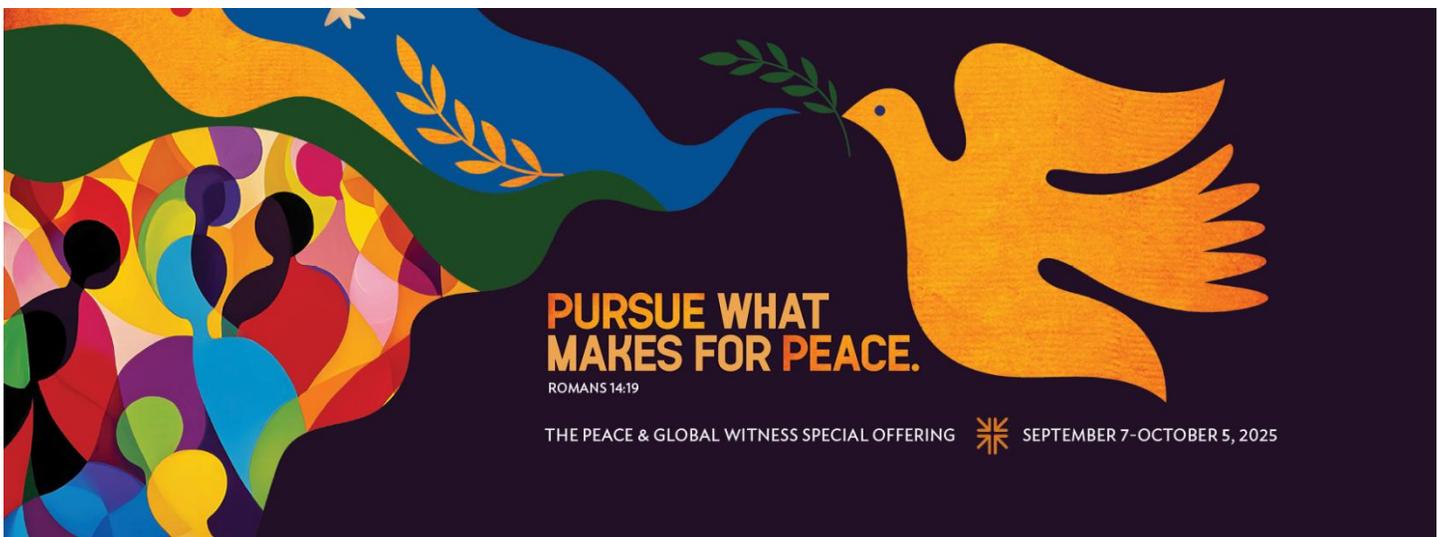
His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie & Felipe Colby

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

Memorial Presbyterian Church in Rockville (Trinity Parish), is a blessing in the hearts of its members and regular attendees. We are small but strong in our love of God. Recently we found written minutes going back to 1836. Reading the history of the faith of our fathers reminds us that Jesus has been walking with us on our daily path for a long time in Rockville and centuries in other communities. The stories that we uncovered were sweet and true. Their trust and our trust in the power of Jesus in our lives has brought solace and awe here for over 150 years. We cherish our history and are hopeful for our future. Our building has been sold but our congregation will continue to worship there. The “Church on the Square” is no longer a Presbyterian church but it will be preserved and function as a community center and a wedding venue, music hall, childcare and event center. The historic architectural details of the stained-glass windows, wooden vaulted ceiling and pipe organ will be preserved for our community. Our greatest assets are the faithful of Trinity Parish and the love we have for one another. We have a choir that brings joy to our worship services with United Presbyterian Church in Clinton and Second Presbyterian in Montezuma. We are without a minister and our elders have stepped forward as we seek a path. We contribute to the Parke County food pantry and hope to work closely with our community’s efforts in creating more childcare options for families.



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.

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 special 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.

After the service, a World Communion lunch, reflecting the diversity of our congregation is a goal. Donating an entrée, side dish or dessert reflecting your background would also be welcome.

There are readings in the languages of UPC during the service and we need readers. We have Dutch and German. If interested in any of the above, let Allen know.

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

World Communion Sunday – October 5