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Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude *Seek Ye First* Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship

Deacon Jo Barnett, Liturgist

Liturgist: May your unfailing love come to me, Lord, your salvation, according to your promise; then I can answer anyone who taunts me, for I trust in your word.

People: I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

Liturgist: Never take your word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws. I will always obey your law, for ever and ever.

People: I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

Liturgist: I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame, for I delight in your commands because I love them.

People: I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

Liturgist: I reach out for your commands, which I love, that I may meditate on your decrees.

People: I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

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

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

Liturgist: God does not forsake us. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***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 *My Song Is Love Unknown* 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.



Galatians 5: 1-10, 13-15 **The Message** – Reverend Martha FrizLanger

The Life of Freedom

5:1 Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.

2-3 I am emphatic about this. The moment any one of you submits to circumcision or any other rule-keeping system, at that same moment Christ's hard-won gift of freedom is squandered. I repeat my warning: The person who accepts the ways of circumcision trades all the advantages of the free life in Christ for the obligations of the slave life of the law.

4-6 I suspect you would never intend this, but this is what happens. When you attempt to live by your own religious plans and projects, you are cut off from Christ, you fall out of grace. Meanwhile we expectantly wait for a satisfying relationship with the Spirit. For in Christ, neither our most conscientious religion nor disregard of religion amounts to anything. What matters is something far more interior: faith expressed in love.

7-10 You were running superbly! Who cut in on you, deflecting you from the true course of obedience? This detour doesn't come from the One who called you into the race in the first place. And please don't toss this off as insignificant. It only takes a minute amount of yeast, you know, to permeate an entire loaf of bread. Deep down, the Master has given me confidence that you will not defect. But the one who is upsetting you, whoever he is, will bear the divine judgment

13-15 It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

Pastor: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

FREEDOM

Rev. Martha FrizLanger

***Sermon Hymn:** *There is a Redeemer* See last pages of Worship Guide

Affirmation of Faith— From the Heidelberg Catechism led by Elder Don Root

Elder: 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 – 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:** *Jesus Paid It All* See last pages of Worship Guide

Charge and Benediction Reverend Martha FrizLanger

Postlude *So I Send You* Benjamin Watkins

*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 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

Vernon Presbyterian Church is located in Vernon, a small historic town and the county seat of Jennings County. Vernon Presbyterian was founded in 1825 and the Greek Style architecture building was constructed in the early 1830's. We have started restoration of the exterior which should be completed by October. We are a small and determined congregation that continues to worship the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, attending other churches on other Sundays. The First Sunday of every month we attend Graham Presbyterian Church instead of holding services. We average 5-6 Sunday attendances. The church serves as a meeting place for four local AA groups, meeting every day of the week and sometimes twice a day. We actively support the Good Samaritan Food Pantry with food and cash donations. We ask prayers for our congregation, our shut-ins and our community. We are working with the presbytery to discern our future as a congregation, and we ask for your prayers as we do so. God continues to bless us and lead us into our community to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with all God's people. Amen.



Everyone is Invited!

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



FORGIVENESS

There Is a Redeemer

1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;

pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and
leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Although the refrain of this piece names all three Persons of the Trinity, the stanzas emphasize references to Jesus Christ under various titles. There is also a shift in tone between the stanzas and the refrain. The former speak about God and the latter speaks to God.

Jesus Paid It All

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Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow... Isa. 1:18

Elvina M. Hall, 1865

John T. Grape, b. 1833

1. I hear the Sav-iour say, "Thy strength in-deed is small,
2. Lord, now in-deed I find Thy power, and thine a-lone,
3. For noth-ing good have I Where-by thy grace to claim-
4. And when, be-fore the throne, I stand in him com-plete,

Child of weak-ness, watch and pray, Find in me thine all in all."
Can change the lep-er's spots, And melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar-ments white In the blood of Cal-v'ry's Lamb.
"Je-sus died my soul to save," My lips shall still re-peat.

REFRAIN

Je-sus paid it all, All to him I owe;

Sin had left a crim-son stain, He washed it white as snow. A-MEN.

HYMNS FOR INFORMAL OCCASIONS

And a good time was had by all – attendees donated \$466!!!



Amazing! A concert with two standing ovations during and another at the end.



Benjamin Watkins directed, UPC Quartet opened. Ensemble: contra bassoon, viola, cello & violins. Jo Barnett prepared a great reception.

J.S. Bach Concerto in D Minor BWV 1052
At UPC in-September

