

## United Presbyterian Church

March 1, 2026 – The Deacons Offering Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano



### Call to Worship

Elder Stephanie Worden, Liturgist

Liturgist: From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west;  
on the lips of children, by babies at the breast:

**People: God's holy name be praised!**

Liturgist: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young:

**People: God's holy name be praised!**

Liturgist: In the banquet halls of heaven  
and the forgotten corners of our hearts:

**People: God's holy name be praised!**

Liturgist: Let all that has life and breath praise God's holy name!

### \*Hymn of Praise

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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### Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: O God of life, eternity cannot hold you,  
nor can our little words catch the magnificence of your kindness.  
Yet in the space of our small hearts  
and in silence you can come close and repair us.

**People: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness  
for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds,  
for our empty speech and the words with which we wounded.  
Grant us your forgiveness  
for our false desires, for our hateful actions,  
for wastefulness and for all we left untended....**

*(all pray in silence)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (Liturgist)

Praise to the living Christ, hanged on a tree, yet risen in the morning.

Christ scatters the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills.

Let us welcome the grace of Christ in our hearts

to begin what we do, to inform what we say and to redeem who we are.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*\*Gloria Patri*

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**\*Passing of the Peace**

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

Liturgist: Let us share that peace with one another.

**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.

**Old Testament Lesson** *Psalm 121:1-8*

**Music for Meditation**

UPC Quartet

**The Gospel**

*John 3:1-17*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

*For God So Loved the World*

The Reverend Susan McGhee

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Be Thou My Vision*

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**Affirmation of Faith** The Apostle's Creed (traditional) – Rev. McGhee  
**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**

Rev. Susan McGhee

### **Call to Offering**

The UPC Deacon's Offering will also be received today

Offertory

\*Doxology #592

\*Prayer of Dedication – Reverend McGhee

## **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & 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.*

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

\*Closing Hymn      *For the Bread, Which You Have Broken.*

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\* Charge and Benediction      Reverend Susan McGhee

Postlude      Benjamin Watkins, piano

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*\* Please stand if you are able*

### **United Presbyterian Church Prayer List**

Kevin Roby Virginia Kathleen Anita

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie & Felipe Colby

Nyaka Global in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

The people of Georgia, Nigeria, Middle East, Sudan & Ukraine

**United Presbyterian Church**, Bloomington, is a culturally and ethnically diverse congregation with members coming from Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Ghana, Colombia, the Netherlands, Indonesia, and all over the United States. We are an inclusive people of God determined and committed to reflect an authentic presentation of the Church universal, to be a place where all are welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

As a reformed congregation, we cherish the authority of Scripture and the elemental Presbyterian confession that "God alone is Lord of the conscience." United is a small but active church serving local and international missions which include: Beacon Inc., Bloomington Refugee Support Network, Food Pantry 279, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Pathways (Monroe County United Ministries), Middle Way House, the Nyaka schools in Uganda, and His Eyes Clinic in Honduras.

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