

United Presbyterian Church

May 10, 2026 Mother's Day Congrats Grad's Day



Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude *Open My Eyes that I May See* Benjamin Watkins, piano



The Sanctuary Flowers are placed as a sign of love for UPC's mothers, past and present as well as to honor UPC's 2026 grads – Abigail, Anna, Jackson, Noah, Patrick & Thomas.

Call to Worship

Jim Haversock, Liturgist

Liturgist: We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

People: Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

Liturgist: We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed! Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

People: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide! Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

Liturgist: We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians: God is with us and will never let us go.

Opening Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #403

Call for Confession (Liturgist) (Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16) The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth.

We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8:31-32)

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

* *Gloria Patri* #579

***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) Come Holy Spirit! As the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, bear witness to the truth in our hearts and minds, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for Meditation *If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments* UPC Quartet

The Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 3:13-22 – Liturgist

Gospel Lesson John 14:15-21 – Reverend

Reverend: The words of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Advocates for Love.* Reverend Marietta Macy

*Hymn of Praise: *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* #370

Affirmation of Faith: PC(USA) Study Catechism) led by Rev. Macy

Rev. Macy: Question 54:What do you believe when you confess your

faith in the Holy Spirit?

People: Apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service. As the work of the one Holy Spirit, our love, knowledge, and service of Christ are all inseparably related.

Rev. Macy: Question 55: How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

People: By receiving the Word of God. As the midwife of the new creation, the Spirit arrives with the Word, brings us to rebirth, and assures us of eternal life. The Spirit nurtures, corrects, and strengthens us with the pure spiritual milk of the Word (1 Peter 2:2).

Blessing for the 2026 Graduates – Reverend Macy

Anna Ambartsunian, Abigail Gerstle, Thomas L. Koehn line,
Noah Like, Jackson Ray, Patrick Tervo

Prayers of the People and The 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 TO OFFERING – Reverend Macy

Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication

**Closing Hymn: For All the Saints* #526

CHARGE and BENECTION Reverend Marietta Macy

POSTLUDE Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

The family of Miriam Michael as they mourn her loss

The family of Dr. Mashal Poor as they mourn his loss

The Haddad family is also mourning his loss as he was a long-time, dear friend and Souheil's medical practice partner

Kevin Roby Troy Virginia Kathleen Anita Raymor

All people who are suffering from armed conflict.

Fairlawn Presbyterian, Columbus Rev. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, pastor, serves Christ with open hearts, open minds and open arms. A small congregation, in NE Columbus, we gather for Sunday worship followed by fellowship and second hour Christian nurture opportunity and offer Children's Church and a youth group. We and our Fairlawn Preschool partner for Milk and Cookie Story Hour, Music Fest, Art Show and Popsicle Playground.

First Presbyterian, Columbus Rev. Felipe Martínez, pastor, is starting its third century with a new strategic plan. We benefited from a matching grant from the Center for Congregations to engage a capable consultant. Our new Mission Statement reads: *As an inclusive community empowered by God's transforming love, we welcome all people through worship, compassionate service, care, and advocacy.* Please pray as we seek to live into this new strategic plan with God's guidance!

Upcoming Events – Get them on your calendar now



Wednesday, May 27–6 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction

to benefit the UPC Music Program.

Chefs: Benjamin, Darian, Melanie

Actionneers: Fadi, Souheil

We need attendees -- \$10 adults/\$5 kids 10 & under
AND, folks to donate desserts.

Contact Allen or Melanie if you'd like to donate a dessert.

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