

United Presbyterian Church

June 7, 2026 Holy Communion Deacons Offering



Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano



Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed by the UPC Congregation
in loving memory of Anita Steverson

Call to Worship

Deacon Vera Heitink, Liturgist

Liturgist: Rejoice in the Lord! Praise the Lord with instruments and shouts
of joy!

**People: God loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of God's
love.**

Liturgist: Let all of creation revel in awe of God, our creator.

People: God's love endures forever.

Liturgist: Amen! Let us worship together.

Opening Hymn: *God of Great and God of Small*

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Call to Confession

Jesus tends the wounds of a broken world, and binds up the broken-
hearted. By faith, let us confess our need for healing:

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

**Holy God, we confess, a bit pridefully, that we appreciate decency
and order, forgetting that we seek the order that is of our own mak-
ing. We confess that clear rules and social norms give us comfort,
forgetting how many of your beloved children are hurt and excluded
by them. We confess that we place our trust in ability, strength, and
the works we produce, forgetting our total reliance on your grace.
Forgive us, God, and free us to live in courageous faith, that we may
abide in your righteousness. Amen.**

Assurance of pardon (Liturgist)

Jesus said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." We have been blessed with God's grace and mercy in abundance, through Jesus Christ. Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace!

* *Gloria Patri* #572

***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)

God of Wisdom, your Word is upright, and you are faithful to your promises. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, may your Holy Spirit move among us, inspiring faith without fear and showing us a new way forward.

Music for Meditation

First Reading *Romans 4:13-25* – Liturgist

Gospel Reading *Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26* – Reverend

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

Sermon: *Wide Mercy* Reverend Dr. Catherine Knott

*Hymn of Praise: *God of Compassion in mercy befriend us* #261 Blue Hymnal

Affirmation of faith (from A Declaration of Faith) – led by Rev. Knott

We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ, our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ, God's Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ, God's Word

of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as Jesus did is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God, but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer – Deacon Michelle Heitink
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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #138, vs. 1

Pastor: We give you thanks for the Word made flesh in Jesus of Nazareth.
Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

The Words of Institution The Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion – Reverend Catherine Knott

CALL TO OFFERING & Deacons Offering – Rev. Knott

Offertory

***Doxology** #592

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

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CHARGE and BENECTION

Reverend Dr. Catherine Knott

POSTLUDE

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Rell Steverson and Sue Lormer, husband and mother of Anita Steverson as they
mourn her death along with the entire family.

Kevin Roby Troy Virginia Kathleen Anita Raymor

All people who are suffering from armed conflict.

Dale Presbyterian Church, Dale Gonwo Danweih, Extended Pulpit Supply, is an open and caring community of faithful servants that celebrates the love of God through Jesus Christ. We serve God through worship, missions, social activities, education and music. One of our missions is Community Table, in which our congregation and other local organizations provide a hot meal every Thursday evening to those in need. We appreciate your continued prayers for our church as we continue to discover who are and figure out where the good Lord is taking us.

June birthdays

June 3 – Julie Hammel, June 7 – Aida Haddad, June 8 – Phillip Addison,
June 12 – Allen Pease, June 23 – Sami Haddad,
June 27–Thomas Like & Andy Hill, June 29–Raja Hanania

June anniversaries

June 4 – Souheil & Alejandra Haddad, June 5 – Fadi and Aline Haddad
June 21 – Bill and Stephanie Worden

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