

United Presbyterian Church

June 21, 2026 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day



I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation. I can do all things through Jesus who gives me strength. Philippians 4: 12-13

Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship (from Matthew 10:29-31) Deacon Vera Heitink, Liturgist

Liturgist: Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

People: God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.

Liturgist: God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

People: We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and car

***Opening Hymn:** *Morning Has Broken* #469

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us prepare our hearts through the confession of our individual and collective sins.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist):

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate.

Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen. - *all pray in silence*

Assurance of Pardon (Liturgist)

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

***The 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)

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

Scriptures

First Reading *Psalm 103:1-22* Deacon Vera Heitink
Second Reading *Proverbs 22:6; 15 & 23: 24* Elder Don Root
Elder: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Music for Meditation

Fathers and Fatherhood

Patrick Tervo Don Root
Jo Barnett Benjamin Watkins

***Hymn of Praise:** *We Walk by Faith and Not Sight* #399

Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith) Benjamin Watkins
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God

created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Prayers of the People and 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 – Elder Don Root

Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *When We are Living/Pues si Vivimos* #400

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION** Elder Don Root

POSTLUDE Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Those affected or injured by Thursday's devastating tornado

Roby Troy Virginia Kathleen Raymor
His Eyes in Honduras led by Valerie & Felipe Colby
Nyaka Global in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri
All people who are suffering from armed conflict
Monroe County's first-responders

Commissioners to PC(USA) General Assembly

Minister Commissioner: Rev. Cindy Cushman

Elder Commissioner: Elder Janet Huber Lowry (Hanover, Hanover)

Please pray for these commissioners representing our presbytery, and for the other presbyteries' commissioners, too, as they prepare for and then experience the PC(USA) General Assembly, to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Pray that they will be filled with peace, wisdom, discernment, and endurance.

- June 22 – General Assembly convenes w/online plenary and online committees
- June 23-24 – Online Committees
- June 25-26 – Plenary Preparation and Travel
- June 27 – Community Day

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