

United Presbyterian Church

July 5, 2026 Holy Communion Deacons Offering



Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano



Today's Sanctuary Flowers are placed by Jim Haverstock in sweet memory of his beloved wife Sue.

Call to Worship

Deacon Andy Hill, Liturgist

Liturgist: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Declare God's glory among the nations; tell all the people of God's marvelous works.**

Liturgist: Say among the nations: The Lord is sovereign!

People: **God will judge the peoples with equity.**

Liturgist: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn:

For the Beauty of the Earth

#473 Blue

CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

Let us open our lives to God's healing presence, seeking peace with God and reconciliation with our neighbors. Let us be mindful not only of personal evil but also of our communal sins of family, class, race, and nation. Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of God's grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison with Liturgist):

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor

and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

- all pray in silence

Assurance of pardon (Liturgist)

From sin and frailty, from the hardness of our hearts, from fear and confusion, God comes to us and sets us free. Glory be to God. **Amen.**

* *Gloria Patri* #579 Blue

***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.

Music for Meditation

Scripture Lesson *Revelation 22:1-7* (Preacher)

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

Sermon: *A Song and a Payer* Reverend Susan McGhee

*Hymn of Response: *A Song of Peace* #682 Red

Affirmation of faith – from *A Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* led by Rev. McGhee

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we

watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or
in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Prayers of the People – Rev. Susan McGhee

*Prayers will be offered for the church and the world, concluding with this
payer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi:*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as
to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING & Deacons Offering – Rev. McGhee

Offertory

**Doxology*

#592 Blue

Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and 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* *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* # 134 Blue
Charge and Benediction* Reverend Susan McGhee
Postlude* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Kevin Roby Troy Virginia Kathleen

All people who are suffering from armed conflict.

Church of the Covenant, Elizabeth. Please pray for our little church family.



July birthdays and anniversaries

July 3 – Benjamin Heitink July 7 – Logan McCloud Worden

July 11 – Alejandra Haddad July 16 – Patrick Nyarko

July 22 – Kevin Jones July 25 – Melanie Mathis McBride

Dear Friends, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the well-wishes and blessings of May 10, and indeed, of the last several months. I feel truly blessed to have found this community, and superbly thankful that I won't be leaving you just yet! I'm not sure exactly when I'll be back, given my grandfather's current condition, but I hope it isn't long. Nevertheless, know that I have you all in my heart, and look forward to the next Sunday I can be with you. As the poet wrote: *"Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away / They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day / Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come / Be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home."* With love, Thomas Koehline

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