

United Presbyterian Church

July 12, 2026 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 (from Psalm 119:105-11) James Rogers, Liturgist

Liturgist: All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

People: *God's Word lights the way for us.*

Liturgist: God has promised to abide with us.

People: *So let us commit to walk in God's ways.*

Liturgist: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to
God.

People: *God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come
what may!*

***Opening Hymn** *All Creatures of Our God and King* #455

Call to Confession - Liturgist

God does not promise us a life without struggle or hardship; yet how often
do we make what is already difficult even more so? Yet the grace of God is
that the sorrows we inflict upon ourselves cannot last forever; so, let us
unburden ourselves, confessing the ways in which we struggle against God
that we may receive that grace anew.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist):

Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it
called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to
your reality. Yet we, who have been called "Beloved" by you, often find

ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Liturgist

For those who are in Christ, there is no condemnation; for by Christ's death and resurrection, God has done what the law and works of human righteousness alone could not: breathed new life through the Holy Spirit into the world, turning it upside down. Believe this scandalous, joyous good news: through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new life. Alleluia! 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

Holy Creator, the earth is yours, and all that is in it. We give you thanks for the beauty of the earth, for the creatures that fill it, and for your providence, which stands beneath and above and within it all. Now grant us hearts open to your grace, eyes open to your wonders and ears open to your Holy Word. Let your Holy Spirit dwell with us, that we may be renewed in our commitment to the way, the truth and the life of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music for Meditation

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23* – Liturgist

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord **People:** **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *The Recklessness of Grace: All Shall be Well*

Pastor Alejandra Haddad

***Hymn of Praise:** *Take My Life* #391

***Affirmation of Faith** from the Barmen Declaration led by Pastor Haddad
The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world. So, we reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Haddad

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

Offertory

***Doxology** #592

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *When We Are Living/Pues Si Vivimos* #400

***Charge and Benediction** Pastor Alejandra Haddad

POSTLUDE Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

***Please stand if you are able**

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

Roby Troy Virginia Kathleen Raymor
His Eyes in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda
All people who are suffering from armed conflict
Monroe County's first-responders

The current **Eastminster Presbyterian Church** was founded in 1999, Following a merger of the former Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church and the former EPC. We've been blessed to welcome new members from the former Newburgh Presbyterian Church. It's beautiful to see individuals from these congregations alongside new members from all kinds of backgrounds growing and becoming a welcoming, active, worshiping family together in Christ. Our mission statement is "Hearts, Hands, Heads for Christ in Service and Celebration." Located close to bustling Green River Road and University of Evansville, we're a congregation of 200 members and give thanks for the 30+ new members in the last 3 years.

Lights! Camera! Action!
The UPC Worship Team presents!
Movies with Meaning!

Wed. July 15, 22, 29 & Aug. 5! 6 p.m.

Fellowship Hall. FREE!



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