

United Presbyterian Church

July 19, 2026 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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) Jim Haverstock, Liturgist

Liturgist: Surely the Lord is in this place, and we did not know it.

People: We do not know when and where God's glorious presence will
show up.

Liturgist: Surely, we are the Body of Christ.

People: We cannot say to one another, "I have no need of you."

Liturgist: Surely our God is a mystery that cannot be contained.

People: Let us worship our unpredictable and uncontrollable God!

***Opening Hymn** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #281

Call to Confession - Liturgist

Before a word is on our tongue, God knows it completely. Before we ask for forgiveness, God is at work to set things right. Let us therefore confess **our** sin and the sin of the world together:

Prayer of Confession – in unison with the Liturgist

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Liturgist

Where can we go from God's spirit, or where can we flee from God's presence? Even if we take the wings of the morning or settle at the farthest limits of the sea, God's hand will find us and hold us fast.

Proclaim the good news with me: *Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called back home. Thanks be to God.*

***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

Spirit who claims us and makes us your own, join us as we come to the Scriptures today. Reveal to us the Word within the words, that we might see Jesus and learn his way. Amen.

Music for Meditation

Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 28: 10-19a* – Liturgist

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 13: 24-30* – Reverend

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

Sermon: *The Weed Is in the Eye of the Beholder* Reverend Dr. Catherine Knott

***Hymn of Praise** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #276

***Affirmation of Faith** (Second Helvetic Confession) led by Rev. Knott
The Church is an assembly of the faithful, Called or gathered out of the world. They are all citizens of the one city, Living under the same Lord, Under the same laws, And in the same fellowship with all good

things. Those who are in the Church have one faith and one spirit; They worship but one God, And in God alone they worship in spirit and truth. Hence, we must be very careful not to judge before the time, Nor undertake to exclude, reject, or cut off Those whom the Lord does not want to have excluded or rejected, And those whom we cannot eliminate without loss to the Church.

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

Offertory

**Doxology*

#592

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn**

In Christ There Is No East or West

#439

***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

His Eyes in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

All people who are suffering from armed conflict

Monroe County's first-responders

First Presbyterian Church (our forebears were the *first* organized congregation in Evansville!), led by Rev. MB McCandless, is grateful for a long history of serving the Evansville area supporting Tri-State Food Bank, United Caring Services, Aurora (services for unhoused), Patchwork Central

(food bank), Habitat for Humanity and Little Lambs (housed in our building with services for families with young children) PC(USA) Disaster Assistance. We're known for our robust music program, anchored by our Choir School (affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music in America) which includes students ages seven through eighteen who sing weekly with the First Presbyterian Church Choir. We're also known for our strong voice for justice in the community. We recently entered the first year of a *Campaign for our Future* and are excited about the possibilities ahead of us as the *Future Hope* portion provides capital for beginning the renovation of our historic sanctuary and improving accessibility throughout. We are a growing congregation getting used to regularly welcoming new members and baptizing folks of all ages. First Presbyterian Church is a fully welcoming and affirming congregation and is affiliated with More Light Presbyterians and the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. Thank you to all who pray with us and for us in this unique time in the life of the church.

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Movies with Meaning!

Wed. July 22, 29 & Aug. 5, 12! 6 p.m.

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