

United Presbyterian Church

August 2, 2026 Holy Communion Deacons Offering



Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship from Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-18 Deacon Vera Heitink, Liturgist

Liturgist: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Liturgist: The eyes of all look to You, God, and You give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

People: **The Lord is just in all God's ways, and kind in all God's doings. The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth.**

Opening Hymn: *Come Great God of All the Ages* #132

Call to Confession

We come to confession not because we believe we are bad people, but because we know there are areas of our lives that stand in need of God's healing touch. And God, who is more ready to forgive than we are to confess, will hear us with a loving ear, ready to heal any brokenness within us or between us . . .

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Holy God, You have revealed Yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Everything we need to know about you has been shown. Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are on full display. But sometimes we do not see

what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the miracle. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand the world. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the ability to see You as You reveal Yourself. Renew within us the capacity to perceive Your way in the world, for this life, and in the life that is to come. We pray it in Jesus' name, and for His sake . . .

Assurance of pardon II Corinthians 5: 17-19

Liturgist: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see: everything has become new.

People: All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Liturgist: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* *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 God, amidst the flood of words that barrage us daily, speak Your eternal Word that offers life, and bless us in its hearing, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Music for Meditation

First Reading *Isaiah 55: 1 - 5* – Liturgist

Gospel Reading *Matthew 14: 13 – 21* – Reverend

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

Sermon: *There is Enough* Reverend Dr. Catherine Knott

*Hymn of Praise: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* #521

Affirmation of faith (from A Declaration of Faith, 1977) – led by Rev. Knott
Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history, together with his people’s response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, His just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

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

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

One Bread, One Body

Prayer after Communion – Reverend Catherine Knott

CALL TO OFFERING and Deacons Offering – Rev. Knott
Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #466

CHARGE and BENEDICTION Reverend Dr. Catherine Knott

POSTLUDE Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Kevin Roby Seth Troy Virginia Kathleen

All people who are suffering from armed conflict.

College & Young Adult Sunday: Eternal God, your wisdom is greater than our minds can attain, and your truth confounds our learning. To those who study, give curiosity, imagination, and patience enough to wait and work for insight. Help them to doubt with courage, but to hold all their doubts in the larger faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Book of Common Worship, pg. 911

August Birthdays



August 7	Lou Malcomb	August 15	Darian McBride
August 16	Vera Heitink	August 19	Caroline Worden
August 20	Souheil Haddad	August 20	Nichole Heitink

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