

United Presbyterian Church

August 16, 2026 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship

Deacon Michelle Heitink, Liturgist

Liturgist: As we gather, we come together as people of the cross and resurrection.

People: We come as children of the Father

Liturgist: Reconciled by grace through the Son

People: And filled with God's love through the Spirit

***Opening Hymn**

In Christ There is No East or West

#439

Prayer of Confession – In unison with liturgist

Gracious Father, You have chosen us for a purpose – that we might bear lasting fruit for Your Kingdom. You call us to walk humbly before You and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call. By Your mercy, forgive us and help us to boldly live out what we profess – that all are created in Your image and made one in Your Son, Jesus Christ." . . . *Silent prayer of confession*

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news; the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, 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

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music for Meditation

The First Lesson *Romans 11: 1-2A; 29-31* – Liturgist

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 15: 21 - 28* – Reverend

Reverend: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: *Walls and Windows* Reverend John VanderZee

***Hymn of Praise** *I Danced in the Morning* #302

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed (traditional) led by Rev. VanderZee

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Deacon Michele 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

Call to Offering – Deacon Michelle Heitink

Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Reverend John VanderZee

***Closing Hymn** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* #563

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. John VanderZee

POSTLUDE Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Thomas Koehonline and family as they mourn the loss of Thomas' grandfather

Roby Troy Virginia Kathleen Seth

His Eyes in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

All people who are suffering from armed conflict

The many members of UPC traveling this month

Mt. Lebanon Presbyterian, Henryville, was founded in the mid-1800's and in our
building since 1872. We're a small, active congregation and member of the
Southern Hills Parish. We're hosting a Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social Sunday,
August 30 at 4:00. The Misty Mountain String Band will perform. Join us!

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Today!!! Welcome Reception!
Sunday, August 16, 2026

The UPC Deacons
Invite You!

Welcome to the USA & UPC Celebration!

Mathew Quannsah's wife Yvette and their baby boy have arrived from Ghana!

Immediately after this morning's Worship Service.
Fellowship Hall.



The Deacons invite all to this time of wonderful food and fellowship.

Please contact Michelle at 812-320-3881 or Jo at 812-668-2842 if
There are questions – they'd be happy to hear from you.

