

United Presbyterian Church

September 6, 2026 Holy Communion Deacons Offering



Welcome and Announcements

Deacon Andy Hill

Prelude

Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship (from Psalm 119:33-40)

Daniel Dowd, Liturgist

Liturgist: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

People: and I will observe it to the end.

Liturgist: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law

People: and observe it with my whole heart.

Liturgist: Lead me in the path of your commandments,

People: for I delight in it.

Liturgist: Turn my heart to your decrees;

People: in your righteousness, be gracious to me.

Opening Hymn:

Morning has Broken

#469 Blue

Call for Confession (Liturgist)

As we worship God, let us take time to honestly name the ways that we have fallen short, collectively and individually. Trusting in the gracious mercy of our Lord, let us confess, together.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with liturgist)

Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We've made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We've tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We've relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust.

Assurance of Pardon (Exodus 34:6, Ezekial 33:11)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin, and live. By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. 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 Members of UPC Quartet

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, open our eyes and our ears, our minds and our hearts, that we may hear your Word, walk in your ways, and truly live. Amen.

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 18: 15 - 22* – Liturgist

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

Sermon: *When Christ Is in Our Midst* Pastor Alejandra Haddad

*Hymn of Praise: *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* #477 Red

Affirmation of faith (from **The Confession of 1967**) le by Pastor Haddad
To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as a reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from one another. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to God's call.

Prayers of the People and The 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.

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

Members of UPC Quartet

Prayer after Communion – Pastor Alejandra Haddad

CALL TO OFFERING & Deacons Offering

Offertory

**Doxology*

#592

Prayer of Dedication

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

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 Seth People suffering from armed conflict.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries:



2-Agatha Nyarko; 3-Don Root; 9-Lamis Turk;
11-Glenda Nyarko; 15-Alexander Like; 17-Yasmina Haddad,
21-Fadi Haddad Anniversary: 29-Vera and Gerrit Heitink

Judie Iverson was an active member of United Presbyterian Church for many years until her passing on June 26, 2021. Her family desired to do something meaningful and lasting in her memory. Judie loved music and she loved her church family and thus a contribution in support of the music program of UPC seemed appropriate. In July of 2021, Krista Detor, daughter of Judie, presented UPC with a \$500 check. Krista noted that Judie loved music so much and was so pleased with the work of Music Director Benjamin Watkins, that her family would repeat the donation annually in her memory. In 2022, the arrangement was formally organized as The Mulryan-Iverson Music Endowment for United Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, Indiana or, **The Mulryan-Iverson Music Endowment**. Since 2021, Judie's family has donated \$500 annually via The Hundredth Hill. Some UPC families have set up an annual pledge. Other UPC members and friends make donations to the Endowment each August/September. The Worship Team will receive 2026 donations until Sunday, September 27.

