

United Presbyterian Church

October 11, 2026 20th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements

Deacon Andy Hill

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship (Psalm 10) Thomas Koehnline, liturgist

Liturgist: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,

People: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Liturgist: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

People: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Liturgist: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,

People: That we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Liturgist: Blessed be the Lord, the God of his chosen people, from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say,

People: Amen. Praise the Lord!

**Opening Hymn Live Into Hope #332*

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

With great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ, even when we were dead through our sin. By grace we have been saved.

With that assurance of the gospel, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession – In unison with liturgist
Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first,
to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we
make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way.
Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own
lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we
heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the
power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (liturgist)

Hear the good news! The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us lay aside
the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. In Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**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)

Dear God, your Word itself tells us that you inspire all Scripture, that
everyone who belongs to you may be equipped for every good work. As
we hear your Word read and proclaimed, inspire us through your Holy
Spirit that we may be ready to worship you and serve others with the love
and grace of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Music for Meditation

Benjamin, Anna, and Patrick

Scripture Readings
The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Our Great Hope Deacon Michelle Heitink
**Hymn of Response* *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory #73*

Affirmation of Faith (A Declaration of Faith) – Deacon Heitink
We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

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.

Call to Offering – Deacon Heitink
PC(USA) World Communion Offering

Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication

**Closing Hymn* *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* #379

Charge and Benediction Deacon Michelle Heitink

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

His Eyes in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

All people who are suffering from armed conflict

First Presbyterian in Jeffersonville led by Rev. Ryan Bradney is a big-hearted church downtown for 196 years! We fulfill our mission by praising God in worship with scripture, music and prayer, we are inclusive; and faithful stewards of God's creation and resources. We give thanks for our direction of music Dr. David Borman, III and organist, Kevin Vest. We are a Matthew 25 vital congregation an Earth Care Congregation, and a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians; serving, supporting, and actively ministering in the community through the Downtown Association of Churches, the Center for Lay Ministries food pantry and women's recovery shelter, Loaves & Fishes. We appreciate prayers as the partnership with Franklin Square Elementary grows, a new partnership with River City Jags, junior high and girls' basketball.

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