

University Presbyterian Church



Sunday, June 7, 2026

10:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 7, 2026
Service for the Lord's Day
10:30 a.m.

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

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César Franck

From: Prelude, Fugue et Variation

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship[†]

Rejoice in the Lord! Praise the Lord with instruments and shouts of joy!

God loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of God's love.

Let all of creation revel in awe of God, our creator.

God's love endures forever.

Amen! Let us worship together.

***Prayer of the Day[‡]**

Great and merciful God, who knows the sparrow and the lily by name, tell us today the story of your knowledge of us. Assure us that the hours we spend in this world are lived in your sight and in your care, to free us from anxiety and striving and to rest in your benevolence through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Hymn #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

Carl Gotthelf Gläser

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession[†]

Jesus tends the wounds of a broken world, and binds up the brokenhearted.

By faith, let us confess our need for healing.

Prayer of Confession[†]

Holy God, we confess, a bit pridefully, that we appreciate decency and order, forgetting that we seek the order that is of our own making. We confess that clear rules and social norms give us comfort, forgetting how many of your beloved children are hurt and excluded by them.

We confess that we place our trust in ability, strength, and the works we produce, forgetting our total reliance on your grace. Forgive us, God, and free us to live in courageous faith, that we may abide in your righteousness. (Time for Silent Prayer) Amen. Amen.

Kyrie Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

New World Symphony

Assurance of Pardon†

Jesus said, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” We have been blessed with God’s grace and mercy in abundance, through Jesus Christ. Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Sharing the Peace and Greetings

As God’s forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another saying, “the peace of Christ be with you.”

*Sung response

Hymn #822

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.

May God’s full mercies, bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,

Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination†

God of Wisdom, your Word is upright, and you are faithful to your promises. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, may your Holy Spirit move among us, inspiring faith without fear, and showing us a new way forward.
Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 33: 1-12

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; praise is fitting for the upright.

**Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.**

Sing for the LORD a new song;
play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

For your word, O LORD, is right, and faithful are all your works.

You love righteousness and justice; your steadfast love fills the whole earth.

**By your word were the heavens made,
by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.**

You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and store up the depths of the sea.

**Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.**

For God spoke, and it came to pass; God commanded, and it stood fast.

**The LORD brings the will of the nations to nothing
and thwarts the designs of the peoples.**

Your will, O LORD, stands fast forever,
and the designs of your heart from age to age.

**Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!**

First Scripture Reading Romans 4:13-25 (NT p. 155)

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NT p. 9)

Anthem

Alleluia

Randall Thompson

Sanctuary Choir

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Jesus Seeks Out Everyone

*Hymn #435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Dutch Melody

In Babilone

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary

Choral No. 3 en la mineur
Adagio

César Franck

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

THE EUCHARIST

The Invitation (Luke 13:29; 24:30–31)

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:


565 Holy, Holy, Holy

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
Gm F E^b F Gm Cm




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) (Am6) (B7) (Em) (D)
Gm Cm6 D7 Gm F



pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
E^b F Gm Cm F




full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
Gm F Gm F E^b



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(D) (A) (Am) (D)
F C Cm F



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
Gm Cm F Dm7 G



high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored. Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ, we break bread and share the cup, giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

The Memorial Acclamation:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world. By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

Intercessions for the Church and the World

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Institution

When Jesus was at table with his disciples he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat. Whenever you do this, remember me. In the same way he took and poured the cup, saying: Take and drink. Whenever you do this, remember me. Now, whenever we eat and drink at this table, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*Hymn #546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

Sicilian Melody

*Benediction

Postlude

Hornpipe
From: Water Music

George Frederic Handel

The chancel flowers are given by Connie Michael in loving memory of her parents, Aaron and Emily Wells, and Ed's parents, John and Mary Michael.

*Please stand or rise in spirit as you are able and feel so led.

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‡Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion

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Participating in Worship:

The Rev. Dr. Christine James, Pastor

Rebecca Kroetsch, Choir Director

Jim Smyton, Liturgist

Kathryn Hallborg & Tom Somerville, Greeters

Val Macer, Live streamer

Marietta Bratton, Barbara Kraemer & Amy Maundrell, Communion Servers

Next Week:

Jerilyn Hickey, Liturgist

Scott Horton & Tom Somerville, Greeters

Nick Casseri, Live streamer

Notes and Announcements

If you are new, welcome! We are so glad you have joined us this morning! All are welcome to worship with us.

In order that people may listen to the music or pray in silence without distraction, please refrain from conversation after the music begins and kindly silence all cell phones. Also, please do not bring any food or beverage, other than water, in the sanctuary. Thank you.

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship. A playroom is available near the sanctuary for young children who are accompanied by their parents. If you would like more info about Sunday School please see one of the deacons, someone handing out bulletins.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request which you would like the pastor to include in "Prayers of the People," please fill out the yellow prayer request slip found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate when passed.

This Week...

Sunday, June 7	9:00 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time
Monday, June 8	6:30 pm	Deacon's meeting-in person
Tuesday, June 9	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, June 11	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, June 14	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Special Congregational Mtg.

Food Pantry: Help support our neighbors in need: toiletries such as toothpaste, adult and children's toothbrushes, dental floss, mouthwash, shampoo (including products for Afro-textured hair), body wash, men's and women's deodorant, hand soap, feminine hygiene products, diapers, and incontinence pads. We are also in need of canned vegetables with no added salt and cooking oil. We also need reusable grocery bags that you get at Tops or Wegmans. Any and all donations are gratefully accepted and deeply appreciated. Donations may be dropped off in the church office or placed in the red wheelbarrow located at the back of the church.

Today: Stay after worship for a Summer Celebration Lunch filled with good food, fellowship, and celebration. After lunch, children and their families will head to Adventure Landing for some well-deserved fun and adventure! Bring the kids, the grandkids, your smiles, and your summer spirit as we celebrate the gifts of this community, the blessings of the year behind us, and the promise of the season ahead.

University Presbyterian Church's Vision Statement

Let us be **BREAD**:

Beaming Christ's love to our neighbors and beyond

Resounding praise of God in worship with music while caring for one another and growing our faith

Enriching our neighborhood through creative use of our building

Acting with energy to foster a growing, vibrant, and welcoming church family

Developing diversity by engaging and welcoming all of God's beloved people

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