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Sunday, June 1, 2025

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Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist**

Services are live-streamed on YouTube at: <https://tinyurl.com/upcbuffalo>

7th Sunday of Easter, June 1, 2025
Service for the Lord's Day
10:30 a. m.

AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

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. 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.

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.

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele"
Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*please stand, if able*)

The Lord says: I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your Word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever.
Amen.

Hymn #248 Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
Hymn to Joy Ludwig van Beethoven

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Invitation

The Lord says: Come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

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The Prayer

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those
who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new, that we may know
the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen
Lord. Amen.**

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

New World Symphony

The Pardon

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. In the
name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **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

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Psalter: Psalm 97

The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's
throne.**

Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.
**Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.
**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.
**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives

of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.
Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.

O God, you clothe the sky with light and the ocean depths with darkness. You work your mighty wonders among us. Give us new and honest hearts, that we may hate evil and love justice; and let us see the dawn of your glory in the face of your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Acts 16:16-34 (p. 136 of the NT in the pew bible)

Anthem: "Let Us Come" Karen Marrolli
The Sanctuary Choir
*Let us come to the table of God, for the banquet is spread:
Cup of Life, Living Bread. Let us come to the table of
Hope, Bread of Heaven, peace restored, healing given. Let
us go to the people of God, granting love, granting peace,
in every time and place. Let us feast on the love of our God.*

Sermon "Suffering for Christ"

Hymn #735 I Need Thee Every Hour Robert Lowry
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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission Pat Cookfair-Casseri

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Pastorale L. J.-A. Léfebure-Wély

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:

O taste and see that the Lord is good!
Happy are all who find refuge in God!

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.

In every time and every age, O God,
it is good and faithful that we give you thanks,
for your mercy is sure
and your steadfast love endures forever.

In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus,
who sets us free from death
and leads us to life eternal.

And so, with all creation,
with all the needy and hungry ones,
with all those who have enough and plenty,
with creatures large and small,
with sun and moon and stars,
and with the saints of every age,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn

The Sanctus: *(Page 11 of bulletin)*

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things.
By your power and love you continue
to deliver your people from bondage,

thwart the designs of evil,
show the way through the wilderness,
turn hardship into righteousness,
and reveal your hand upholding the just.

Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe.
You came among us to feed and heal and teach,
to confound the haughty,
to confuse the deceivers,
to challenge the wrong-hearted,
and, in all these things,
to give hope to those who long for peace.

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Memorial Acclamation:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life.
You give us words when we have none;
you fill us with vision when we have the most need;
you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour.
Be our guide and teacher, today and always.

Come now, O Prince of Peace,
Spirit of Love,
Breath of Life.
Bring to all this hurting world the joy that Mary knew,
and teach us to proclaim with her,
"I have seen the Lord!"

In the unity of the Holy Trinity,
in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,
we praise you, God of all that is,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Intercessions for the church and the world

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we give you thanks
that by the witness of your word
and the sharing of this meal
you have opened our hearts and eyes
to the presence of Christ among us.
Now send us forth from this place
by the power of your Spirit
to tell this good news to the world:
The Lord has risen indeed! **Amen.**

Hymn #247

Now the Green Blade Rises

French Carol

Noël Nouvelet

Benediction Response: Irish Blessing

Kaye Saunders

*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your
back, may the sun shine warm upon your face. May the
rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may
God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Postlude

Toccata

Paul Fey

(The congregation is invited to remain seated during the Postlude)

*The chancel flowers are given by Allan Andrews in appreciation
of Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director, and the members of the
UPC Choir who provide beautiful choral music for worship.*

Music License # A-723910

Participating in Worship:

The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty

Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director

Gregory White, Organist

Jim Smyton, Liturgist

Amy & Dennis Erickson, Greeters

Nick Casseri, Live streamer

Amy Erickson, Sharon Melius & Barbara Kraemer, Communion Servers

Next Sunday:

Howard Henry, Liturgist

Kathy Hallborg & Sharon Melius, Greeters

Nick Casseri, Live streamer

This Week...

Sunday, June 1	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Congregational Meeting
Monday, June 2	7:00 pm	PNC Meeting
	7:30 pm	Zoom Deacon Meeting
Tuesday, June 3	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, June 4	7:00 pm	Special Session Meeting
Thursday, June 5	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Friday, June 6	7:00 pm	Orchard Park Chorale Concert
Saturday, June 7	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
Sunday, June 8	<i>Pentecost—wear red!</i>	
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Grandparents Day & Hot Dogs

Join Us for a Joyful Celebration! Come together on **Sunday, June 8th** as we celebrate **Pentecost Sunday** and honor **grandparents and grandchildren! Pentecost Sunday** marks a special moment in our faith, and we invite everyone to wear **red** as a symbol of the Holy Spirit's presence. After the service, enjoy **hot dogs and ice cream** with friends and family as we share in the joy of fellowship! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to celebrate faith, family, and community. **See you there!**

The Session has directed that this year's Sunday June 8 Pentecost Offering be given for scholarships ("camperships") for children attending Camp Duffield this summer—26 of whom will come from financially limited families on the East Side. The cost for one camper for one week is \$320.

Camp Duffield (11740 Worden Road, Delevan, NY) is a 501C3 non-profit established in 2007 when the camp was purchased from the Presbytery of Western New York. While the camp is used throughout the

year by groups like Nardin Academy, Earth Spirit, dog trainers and private rentals, the signature program that inspires the board and volunteers to give their time and expertise is the five-week over-night camps for adults with disabilities living in group homes and for children from across WNY. The adult camp is the first week of July, the second, third and fourth weeks of July and first week of August offer respectively programs for children 1st – 2nd grade (first timers), 3rd – 8th grade (Science themed), 3rd to 8th grade (Music themed) and 8th to 12th grade (adventure themed). Our own Pat Cookfair-Casseri is Camp Director.

The adults with disabilities program is in its 45th year and averages 50 participants with a one-to-one volunteer/camper ratio. Each of the children's camps average 40 participants with a three-to-one camper to counselor ratio. In fact, the entire enterprise is essentially led and run by volunteers. A modest budget allows for basic maintenance, a part-time bookkeeper, snow-plowing, and a life guard. The camp nurse, cooks, daily upkeep, and director are all volunteers. Not surprisingly, many of the camp counselors were campers themselves as children and/or are parents of past and present campers. The morale of the Duffield community is defined and sustained by a love for the place itself and belief in the life-shaping value of a summer camp experience.

The principles woven in the program and experience are leadership, living in community, and 'walking the walk' of personal values and beliefs. The importance of the relationships that form each summer in the Duffield "family" of volunteers and campers continues through the school year. Evidence of the camp shaping young lives are the number of teenage volunteers in the adults with disabilities program who have chosen to enter the field of special education. **Plan your summer! Join us for a great time at Camp Duffield!**



Children's Science Camp (Grades 2-8) | July 13-19

Children's Music Camp (Grades 2-8) | July 20-



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Teen's Night Owls Camp (Grades 9-12) | July 27 - Aug 2

First Timer's Camp (Grades K-1) | July 13-16 or July 20-23
(First-timers attend with a parent!)



Impact 716 (Grades 2-8) | Aug 3-9
716-440-9833

www.campduffield.net

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)

Gm F Eb 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)

Eb F Gm Cm F

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

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)

Gm F Gm F Eb

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.

Welcome Visitors

University Presbyterian Church (UPC), the members and officers, welcomes you today. Your presence strengthens our faith and our commitment as Christ's disciples.

University Presbyterian Church welcomes all who seek to follow the Way of Jesus—the way of compassion and justice—regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. UPC does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in celebrating the rites of marriage.

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Mission Statement of University Presbyterian Church

We are a hungry people who receive Christ, the Bread of Life, who sustains us on our journey. We strive to feed as we are fed, sharing the Bread to nourish others in body, mind and spirit.

“Let Us Be Bread”