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Sunday, August 10, 2025

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Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist**

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

9th Sunday after Pentecost, August 10, 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. Ushers will take them from the plate and when the offering is brought forward, hand them to the pastor.

If you would like to borrow a hearing device for the worship service, please see one of this morning's Greeters.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Enigma Variations
Nimrod-Jager

Edward Elgar

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*please stand if able*)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

Prayer of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose; that we, who cannot exist without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Pardon

The Invitation:

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Prayer:

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Forgive those who confess their faults.**

Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

The Pardon:

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin,

and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

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:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Readings:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 (p. 630 of the OT in the pew bible)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (p. 225 of the NT in the pew bible)

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40 (p. 75 of the NT in the pew bible)

Solo

Sydney Conrad, Soprano

Sermon "Pillars of Ministry: Pastoral Care"

Hymn #320 The Church of Christ in Every Age William Knapp
Wareham

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary Choral No. 3 en la mineur César Franck
Adagio

Doxology Hymn #606

**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

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Hymn #716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending James H. Wood
Beach Spring

Benediction

Postlude Trumpet Tune Paul Fey

Participating in Worship
The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty, Interim Pastor
Rebecca Kroetsch, Choir Director
Gregory White, Organist
Val Macer, Liturgist
Tom Somerville & Scott Horton, Greeter
Nick Casseri, Live streamer

Next Week:
Dennis Erickson, Liturgist
Sharon Melius, Greeter
Val Macer, Live streamer

This Week...

Sunday, August 10	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Lite Lunch & Maritime Center
Tuesday, August 12	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	1:30 pm	Zoom Ministry to Community Mtg.
Wednesday, August 13	12:00 pm	September newsletter deadline
Thursday, August 14	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, August 17	10:30 am	Worship Service
	1:00 pm	PFLAG meeting

Back to School: University Presbyterian Church and Calvary Baptist Church are joining once again to purchase supplies for the students of the Dr. Charles R. Drew School. In the past we provided notebooks, swimsuits, hygiene products and token reinforcers. The staff of the school will let us know soon what their needs are for the upcoming school year. We want to be ready to help the kids be ready for school!

Today is the last day to place your financial gift in the offering plate. Please include "School supplies" and your church pledge number on the memo line of your check. If using cash, please place in an envelope with "School supplies", your name and pledge number on the outside. Your gift will help make this a great school year!

Change of newsletter deadline: Due to vacation plans Peg will need all articles for the September newsletter by August 13th.

August Sermon Series: The Three Pillars of Ministry: The Pastor, The Prophet, The Priest. As UPC prepares for The Rev. Dr. Christine James to start as permanent pastor of this congregation, Dr. Yorty will preach a sermon series on the three biblical pillars for Christian Ministry. In her candidate sermon, Dr. James expressed a vision of walking together with the members of University Church, in this new chapter of UPC's life and mission. That "walk" includes three essential kinds of ministry—pastoral care, prophetic words and actions, and priestly oversight of the worship and gifts of God.

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"