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**Sunday, June 22, 2025**

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Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director  
Gregory White, Organist**

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

2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 22, 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.*

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

Prelude

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César Franck

*From: Prelude, Fugue et Variation*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
**so my soul thirsts for the living God.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the  
wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask  
for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Hymn #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Lobe Den Herren*

*Stralsund Erneueren Gesangbuch*

## 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:

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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:

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Psalter: Psalm 42

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

**I thirst for God, for the living God;  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?**

My tears have been my food day and night,  
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"  
**I pour out my soul when I think on these things; how I went  
with the multitude and led them into the house of God,  
with shouts of thanksgiving, among those keeping festival.**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.

**My soul is heavy within me; therefore I will remember you  
from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the  
heights of Hermon.**

One deep calls to another in the roar of your cascades;  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

**The LORD grants lovingkindness in the daytime; in the night season the LORD's song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.**

I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you rejected me,  
and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me?"  
**While my bones are being broken, my enemies mock me to my face;  
all day long they mock me and say to me, "Where now is your God?"**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?

**Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.**

O God, never-failing fountain of life, through the saving waters of baptism you call us from the depth of sin to the abundance of mercy. Do not forget the trials of our exile, but from the wellspring of your word satisfy our thirst for you, that we may come rejoicing to your house; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39 (p. 68 in the NT of the pew bible)

Duet: If I Had a Hammer Pete Seeger  
*Amy Erikson, Soprano and Barbara Kraemer, Mezzo-Soprano*

*f I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning, evening, danger, warning, love  
between my brothers and my sisters all over this land. If I had a bell, I'd ring it in  
the morning, evening, If I had a song, I'd sing it in the morning, evening, all over  
this land. It's a bell of freedom, love between my brothers  
and my sisters, all over this land.*

Sermon "The Cost of Discipleship I"

Hymn #778 As Pants the Deer for Living Streams  
*Seachrist John D. Horman*

## **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 #317

In Christ There Is No East or West

*McKee*

*African American Spiritual*

Benediction

Postlude

Hornpipe

George Frederic Handel

*From: Water Music*

*Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Ed & Connie Michael in thanksgiving for  
their 65 years of marriage on June 25th.*

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Participating in Worship  
The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty  
Rebecca Kroetsch, Choir Director  
Gregory White, Organist  
Amy Erickson, Liturgist  
Scott Horton & Sharon Melius, Greeters  
Nick Casseri, Live streamer

*Next Week:*  
*Dennis Erickson, Liturgist*  
*Grace Agbemenu & Kathy Hallborg, Greeters*  
*Val Macer, Live streamer*

### **This Week...**

Sunday, June 22	10:30 am	Worship
Monday, June 23	7:00 pm	PNC
Tuesday, June 24	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Food Pantry Open Pickle ball
Thursday, June 26	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, June 29	10:30 am	Worship

## **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.

### **University Presbyterian Church Officers and Staff**

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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"**