

# University Presbyterian Church



Sunday, June 14, 2026  
10:30 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 14, 2026  
Service for the Lord's Day  
10:30 a.m.

## **THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

Prelude

Invocation in B-flat

Alexandre Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship<sup>†</sup> (based on Psalm 116)

The Lord hears us when we cry out.

**Praise the Lord!**

The Lord showers us with blessings.

**Praise the Lord!**

Let us lift up the name of Lord for all to hear!

**Praise the Lord!**

Let us sing of God's endless grace and compassion!

**Let us worship God!**

**\*Prayer of the Day<sup>‡</sup>** (Matthew 9:35-10:23)

God of all power and peace, as Jesus sent his disciples out to heal the sick, cast out demons, gather the lost, raise the dead, and proclaim the nearness of your realm, make us ready to go and share the good news we have received; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*Hymn # 321

The Church's One Foundation

*Aurelia*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

## THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

### Call to Confession†

We come before God who loves us with a love that surpasses understanding. Even when we struggle to forgive ourselves, God reaches out to us with grace and peace. There isn't anything that could take that love away. So we come to God to name where we have failed, trusting in God's amazing grace. Friends, let us confess our sin, first together and then in silent prayer.

### Prayer of Confession† (based on Romans 5)

**Loving God, we come with heavy hearts. We have not lived as you have called us to live. We give up too easily. We ignore our neighbor's cries for help and are silent in the face of injustice. We lose hope. We fail to see your blessings among us and are blind to the glimpses of the kingdom all around us. We are weak. Have mercy upon us. Shower us with your grace that we might be enlivened for service and for love. Lord, hear our prayers. (Time for Silent Prayer) Amen. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon†

Friends, God loves you. God wants to be in relationship with you. God allows nothing to come between you and God. Believe this and know that you are forgiven and freed to love and serve. **Alleluia. 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<sup>†</sup>

God of joy and wonder, breathe your Spirit upon us. Open our hearts and ears to hear these ancient words and be surprised. Open our minds and our eyes to see our place in your living word today and every day. **Amen.**

Responsive Reading    Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
**Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

First Scripture Reading      Genesis 18:1-15 (OT p. 14)

Second Scripture Reading    Romans 5:1-8 (NT p. 155)

Anthem                              How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings                              Samuel Liddle  
*Rebecca Kroetsch, Soprano*

Sermon                                      Peaceful Hope

\*Hymn #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Solid Rock*

William Batchelder Bradbury

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Lament

Alexandre Guilmant

\*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

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 #734

Hope of the World

*Donne Secours*

Genevan Psalter

\*Benediction

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

† Liturgy written by Rae Watson and provided for free distribution for © Presbyterian Outlook, 2026.

‡ Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion

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Participating in Worship:

The Rev. Dr. Christine James, Pastor

Rebecca Kroetsch, Choir Director

Gregory White, Organist

Jerilyn Hickey, Liturgist

Scott Horton & Tom Somerville, Greeters

John Swaine, Live streamer

*Next Week:*

Lee Ann Grace, Liturgist

Marietta Bratton & Paul Grucza, Greeters

Val Macer, 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 14	9:00 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Congregational Meeting
Tuesday, June 16	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, June 18	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, June 21	9:00 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time
	1:00 pm	PFLAG

**Friday, June 26 – International Day in Support of Victims of Torture:** You are invited to stand in silence and prayer with supporters of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) in front of University Presbyterian Church on Friday June 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. in witness to God's divine image in all people. Please contact Howard Henry for details.

## University Presbyterian Church's Vision Statement

Let us be **BREAD:**

**B**eaming Christ's love to our neighbors and beyond

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

**E**nriching our neighborhood through creative use of our building

**A**cting with energy to foster a growing, vibrant, and welcoming church family

**D**eveloping diversity by engaging and welcoming all of God's beloved people

### University Presbyterian Church Officers and Staff

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