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Sunday, July 13, 2025

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

## 5th Sunday after Pentecost, July 13, 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 Favorite Hymns arr. Diane Bish

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (please stand if able)

You shall love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Hymn #305

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

John Darwall

### **Confession and Pardon**

#### The Invitation

We have been buried with Christ in baptism, in order that we might be raised to new life with him through faith in the power of God.

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

# The Prayer:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

### The Pardon:

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.

Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **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:

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.** 

The Psalter: Psalm 82

God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods: "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy; rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince." Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own. Strength of the weak, defender of the needy, rescuer of the poor, gracious God, deliver us from the power of wickedness, that we may rejoice in your justice now and forever; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37 (p. 71 in the NT of the pew bible)

Solo: Deep River Mark Hayes

Sydney Conrad, Soprano

Sermon "Getting Ready for the Next Leg of the Journey-Turning the Tables"

Hymn #343 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Germany Gardiner's Sacred Melodies

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary Favorite Hymns arr. Diane Bish

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 #308 O God in Whom All Life Begins
Noel arr. Arthur S. Sullivan

Benediction

Postlude Favorite Hymns arr. Diane Bish

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Participating in Worship
The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty
Rebecca Kroetsch, Choir Director
Gregory White, Organist
Lee Ann Grace, Liturgist
Amy & Dennis Erickson, Greeters
Nick Casseri, Live streamer

Next Week: Howard Henry, Liturgist Sharon Melius, Greeter Nick Casseri, Live streamer

### This Week...

| Sunday, July 13    | 10:30 am             | Worship Service  |
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| Tuesday, July 15   | 12:00 pm<br>5:00 pm  |                  |
| Wednesday, July 16 | 7:00 pm              | Session          |
| Thursday, July 17  | 12:00 pm             | Food Pantry Open |
| Friday, July 19    | 6:30 pm              | Bison's Game     |
| Sunday, July 20    | 10:30 am<br>11:30 am |                  |

**July 19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Bison's Game!** Join us for a trip to a Bison's ball game! We will meet at 4:00 in the church parking lot to ride share to the Bison's Ballfield. We have arranged for a tour starting at 4:45, which will give us enough time to grab something to eat and be in our seats by the time the game begins at 6:30. Tickets cost \$8.00. If interested, contact Nick Casseri at 716-361-5080 or <a href="mailto:nicknacwny@qmail.com">nicknacwny@qmail.com</a>.

**July 20th:** Join us Sunday, July 20th after church for a Visioning Session about where we want UPC to be in five years. Everyone's input is welcome and needed! More details to follow by email.

**July 25<sup>th</sup> (Friday) Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's Unity Concert!** JoAnn Falletta, the BPO, and the Buffalo United Community Choir (BUCC) present a performance continuing our commitment to share musical experiences that bring together and uplift the Western NY community. The concert is free and begins at 7:30 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located at 179 E. Ferry St. contact Amy Erickson (716-480-4591) or Peg in the church office (716-836-7660).

Community Day, July 27th: Calvary Baptist Church's "Community Day" connects families to community resources. UPC will be showcasing our ministries. Come join us for worship at Calvary from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and/or visit the event from 11:45 a.m. through 3 p.m. Free food, entertainment, raffles, amusements for kids – 1184 Genesee Street, Buffalo. Please contact Howard Henry for information.

**Pledge Statements:** Counters are working on pledge statements and they will be distributed within the next few weeks.

### **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"