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Sunday, July 13, 2025

**The Reverend Dr. Tom Yorty, Interim Pastor
Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist**

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

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.**

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
Tuesday, July 15	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Food Pantry Open Pickle ball
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 11:30 am	Worship Service Visioning Session

July 19th (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 nicknacwny@gmail.com.

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 25th (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”