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Sunday, June 15, 2025

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Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist**

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

Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2024
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	Toccata for a Flute Harmonique Vivace	Paul Fey
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 29) *(please stand, if able)*

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all goodness, you gave your Son for the life of the world and sent your Spirit that your love might abide within us. Teach us how to love each other this day, that we

may have life, and have it abundantly, with you, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn #15

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Litany for Trinity Sunday

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

Glory to you forever!

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

Glory to you forever!

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:

Glory to you forever!

Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb:

Glory to you forever!

Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:

Glory to you forever!

Giver, Gift, and Giving:

Glory to you forever!

Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:

Glory to you forever!

Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

Glory to you forever!

Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm:

Glory to you forever!

Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:

Glory to you forever!

God who was, God who is, God who is to come:

Glory to you forever!

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith, to acknowledge and worship your triune name in the majesty of your unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession and Pardon

The Invitation *(based on Romans 8:12-17)*

The separation we feel from God's Spirit is not our ultimate reality. Let us confess and leave behind the things that distract us from God's call on our lives.

The Prayer:

For times we embrace war when you call for peace. **Forgive us.**
For times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them. **Forgive us.**

For times we serve powers and principalities rather than you, our Servant Savior. **Forgive us.**

For times we domesticate you to our national or tribal identities. **Forgive us.**

For selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without considering the same for others. **Forgive us.**

For seeing ourselves less than the full person you created in beauty with delight. **Forgive us and grant us peace. Amen.**

The Confession:

**Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit
among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.**

Have mercy on us, O God.

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

The Pardon: (*John 3:16-17*)

The Good News of our faith is this: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him." **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith (*Nicene Creed*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy One,
guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Psalter: Psalm 8

LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up
a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and
avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of
them, human beings that you should care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

God of majesty, amid the grandeur of your creation you sought us out, and by the coming of your Son you adorned us with glory and honor, giving us dominion over your works. Enable us so to care for the earth that all creation may radiate the splendor of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Reading: Romans 5:1-5 (p.155 of the NT in the pew bible)

Sermon "Character Building Faith"

Hymn #25 O Lord, Our God, How Excellent George Kirbye
Winchester Old

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that all who love him may have life eternally. With loving hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

Voluntary Prelude on St. Columba Healy Willan

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

Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing in a world of hurt and need, in Christ's name. **Amen.**

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 #451	Open My Eyes That I Might See	Clara H. Scott
	<i>Open My Eyes</i>	

Benediction

Postlude	Boléro de concert. Op. 166	L.J.A. Lefebure-Wely
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Participating in Worship
The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty
Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist
LeeAnn Grace, Liturgist
Grace Agbemenu & Scott Horton, Greeters
Val Macer, Live streamer

Next Week:
Amy Erickson. Liturgist
Scott Horton & Sharon Melius, Greeters
Nick Casseri, Live streamer

This Week...

Sunday, June 15	10:30 am	Worship
Monday, June 16	7:00 pm	PNC
Tuesday, June 17	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	5:00 pm	Pickle ball
	7:00 pm	Tech Meeting
Wednesday, June 18	7:00 pm	Session
Thursday, June 19	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, June 22	10:30 am	Worship

Pickle Ball at UPC

Have you ever wondered what all the hype was about with the new sport of pickle ball? Well, you have the opportunity to find out in our own church. We have been in contact with John Fong, who has successfully set up pickle ball groups in many local churches. He said it's very easy to learn, and can be enjoyed by all ages.

For our first group experience, we have chosen Tuesdays from 5 to 7 pm. John will supply all equipment until we purchase our own. So, come out and find out for yourself if you're destined to be a pickle ball champ or just a casual player. There's no charge, so what's stopping you?

Happy
Father's
Day!

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”

