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Sunday, August 3, 2025

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Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist**

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

8th Sunday after Pentecost, August 3, 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.

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: Schmücke dich o liebe Seele" Johann Sebastian Bach
Communion Hymn: Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*please stand, if able*)

You have been raised with Christ.

Let us seek the things that are above

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Hymn #806

I'll Praise My Maker
Old 113th

V. Earle Copes

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Invitation

We are a people born of water and the Spirit.
We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples,
and to show his love to our life's end. Although we fail to fulfill
those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever.
Confident of God's grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of
this world.

The Prayer

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our
being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from
proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and
humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our
faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our
refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy New World Symphony

The Pardon

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit
we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun.
God's grace is poured out upon us day by day.
Come to the water and remember your baptism.
Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

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

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Psalter: Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**Some wandered in desert wastes;
they found no path to a city where they might dwell.**

They were hungry and thirsty;
their spirits languished within them.

**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.**

You led them on a straight path
to go to a city where they might dwell.

**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast
love and your wonderful works for all people.**

For you satisfy the thirsty soul
and fill the hungry with good things.

O God, you are bread to the hungry, deliverance to the captive, healing to the sick, and harbor to every soul in peril. Gather the wanderers from every corner of the world into the community of your mercy and grace, that we may eternally praise you for our salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Duet Hiding In Thee Sankey and Cushing
Lee Anne Grace, Soprano & Howard Henry, Baritone

Hymn #351 All Who Love and Serve Your City
Charlestown *Carlton R. Young*

**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.**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness
you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will
for all humanity.

The cry of the poor
has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice
is your own desire.

In the fullness of time,
you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

For as often as we eat of this bread
and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Sanctus: (*Page 9 of bulletin*)

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus!
And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice
in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom!
And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise
with your prophets and martyrs of every age that,
rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Memorial Acclamation:

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these
your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the
cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of
Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ and with all who
share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread
is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in
the world.

In union with your Church in heaven and on earth,
we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose
in us and in all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final
victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your
eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Intercessions for the church and the world

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.
As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.
As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry.
As we have been loved, help us to love the world—
because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. **Amen.**

Hymn #643

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Felix Mendelssohn

Benediction

Postlude

Beléro de concert, Op. 166"

All° non troppo

J. A. Lefebure-Wely

(The congregation is invited to remain seated during the Postlude)

Music License # A-723910

Participating in Worship:

The Rev. Dr. Christine James

The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty

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Gregory White, Organist

Jim Smyton, Liturgist

Kathy Hallborg & Tom Somerville, Greeters

Val Macer, Live streamer

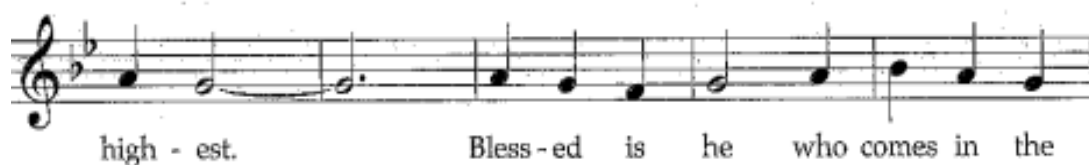
Scott Horton, John Swaine & Barbara Kraemer, Communion Servers

Next Sunday:

Val Macer, Liturgist

Tom Somerville, Greeter

Live streamer



This Week...

Sunday, August 3	10:30 am 11:30 am	Worship Service Congregational Meeting & Lite Lunch
Tuesday, August 5	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Open Shakespeare in the Park
Thursday, August 7	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, August 10	10:30 am 11:45 am	Worship Service Lite Lunch & Maritime Center

Back to School: University Presbyterian Church and Calvary Baptist Church are joining once again to purchase supplies for the students of the Dr. Charles R. Drew School. In the past we provided notebooks, swimsuits, hygiene products and token reinforcers. The staff of the school will let us know soon what their needs are for the upcoming school year. We want to be ready to help the kids be ready for school!

You can place your financial gift in the offering plate through August 10. Please include "School supplies" and your church pledge number on the memo line of your check. If using cash, please place in an envelope with "School supplies", your name and pledge number on the outside. Your gift will help make this a great school year!

August 5th (Tuesday) Shakespeare in Delaware Park: Enjoy the evening on the hill in Delaware Park watching Richard III! The show starts at 7:00 but you should arrive early enough to claim your spot to watch the show! Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Bring food and drink. Since this event is weather dependent, our rain date is Thursday, August 7th. We can ride share for those who want. Contact Pat Cookfair-Casseri (716-440-9833) or Peg in the church office (716-836-7660).

Sunday August 10—visit to Inner Harbor and The Buffalo Maritime Center: We will enjoy a light lunch in the fellowship room immediately after worship; then make our way to the Inner Harbor. We'll gather at 1:15pm the Seneca Chief, the replica Erie Canal pack boat on the boardwalk, constructed by WNY citizens in an unusual, wide angle participatory experiment. We'll meet John Montague founder and head of the Buffalo Maritime Center at the Seneca Chief. It is, as you know, the 250th anniversary of the Erie Canal and John will tell us the story of the Canal and its impact on Buffalo and the growth of the nation. He'll take us onboard the Seneca Chief and then to the location on the boardwalk where the canal empties into Lake Erie. His narrative is pure drama and reminds listeners of our national aspirations to settle the Midwest and west and be a great nation. We'll then have time to wander to the nearby museum and elsewhere at the Inner Harbor. Contact Pat Cookfair-Casseri (716-440-9833) or Peg in the church office (716-836-7660).

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”