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Sunday August 27, 2023



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

13th Sunday after Pentecost, August 27, 2023
Service for the Lord's Day
10:30 am

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

(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.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Favorite Hymns"

arr. Diane Bish

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

One: If it wasn't for God,

All: we'd be a wreck!

One: If God wasn't on our side,

All: we'd be wiped out by our enemies.

One: If God had not been there for us,

All: anger and fear would have swept us away.

One: If Christ had not saved us,

All: we'd be totally lost.

One: Thank you, Lord,

**All: for you rescued us from the trap in which
we were snared.**

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth.

+* Hymn #22 *God of the Sparrow*

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, in Jesus Christ you show us that you are on the side of all people, but never at the expense of the weakest among us. Forgive us when our lifestyles contribute to the suffering of others. Forgive us when we accept inequality and human deprivation as inevitable. Forgive us when we presume that our wellbeing matters more to you than the welfare of others. Set us free from our selfish, self-centered, self-protecting ways. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(There follows a moment of silent personal confession)

Assurance of God's Grace

One: The very God who judges us is also the God who is on our side!
We know this to be true through God's love revealed in Jesus Christ. Let us proclaim the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

+* Song of Praise (in unison)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen...
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

*Sharing the Peace and Greetings

As God's forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another by saying, "the peace of Christ be with you."

+*Sung response (sung to the tune of Hymn 400) (In unison)

**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 **(In unison)**

O God, there are lots of voices in our lives telling us what we should be and do and value. But in your words we find the voice of Life, and Love, and Hope. We pray for a receptive spirit as we read these scriptures. In Christ we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 124 (**read responsively**)

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
—let Israel now say—

**if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,**

then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;

**then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

Blessed be the Lord, who has not give us as prey to their teeth.

**We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;**

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Second Scripture Lesson: Exodus 1:8-2:10 (p. 49 in the Old Testament in pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Musical Proclamation "By Thee with Bliss" Josef Haydn
From: "The Creation"
Julia Cordani, Soprano & Brandon Mecklenburg, Baritone

Sermon "Bad Guys and Bullies"

*Hymn #425 *Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Musical Offering

"Ride On, King Jesus"
Brandon Mecklenburg, Baritone

H. T. Burleigh

Doxology (Hymn 592) **(In unison)**

**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 of Offering

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

.....(*concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison*)

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 #728 *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door*

*Benediction

Postlude

"Favorite Hymns"

arr. Diane Bish

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

*congregation may stand
+latecomers may be seated

Participating in Worship:

The Rev. Tracy S. Daub, Pastor

Gregory White, Organist

Allen Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director

Liturgist: Chinomnso Awazie

Greeters: Barbara Kraemer, Tom Somerville

Live streamer: Val Macer

Next week:

Liturgist: James Smyton

Greeters: Sharon Melius, Tom Somerville

Live streamer: David Bartley

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Sunday, August 27	10:30 am	Worship Service
Monday, August 28	1:30 pm	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist Church
Tuesday, August 29	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 31	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, Sept. 2	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
Sunday, September 3	10:30 am 11:30 am	Worship Service University Students Meeting

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND FRIENDS: University Students and Friends is UPC's young adult group, comprised of not only college and university students but also other young adults. The group meets for Bible study and fellowship events throughout the academic year and occasionally during the summer. Members also keep in touch via a Facebook group.

The first University Students and Friends meeting is Sunday, September 3 following worship. The meeting will include a complimentary brunch and will take place in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level. A tentative schedule of activities will be available and plans will be made for Bible Study.

You Are Invited: On September 10th, Tracy's last Sunday with us, all are invited to a catered luncheon, downstairs following church and a short congregational meeting, where we will celebrate our time together and wish Tracy well on her new adventure. There is no cost but we ask that you let us know if you plan on attending by calling the church office (716-836-7660), emailing office@upcbuffalo.org, or telling Pat Cookfair-Casseri by September 1st.

Welcome Visitors

University Presbyterian Church (UPC), its 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. Moreover, 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”