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Sunday, July 14, 2024

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Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist**

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

8th Sunday after Pentecost, July 14, 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 Sheep May Safely Graze J. S. Bach
 From: Cantata BWV 208

Welcome and Announcements

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

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss.

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 #15

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Confession and Pardon

The Invitation:

We come before God not as despised sinners,
but as beloved children.

With the confidence of children of God,
let us humbly confess our sin.

The Prayer:

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.**

**Do not cast us away from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

The Pardon:

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us,
for God's love has been poured into our hearts through
the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Hymn #581

Glory Be To The Father

Gloria Patri

Solo: Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?

Howard Henry, Baritone

arr. H. T. Burleigh

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, and why not every man? He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale, and the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace. The wind blows East and the wind blows West, it blows like the judgement day. And every poor soul that never did pray will be glad to pray that day. I set my feet on the Gospel ship and the ship began to sail, it landed me over on Canaan's shore, and I'll never come back any more.

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

**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:

Testify to us, O God,
by the voice of your Spirit.
Put your law in our hearts,
write your word in our minds,
and show your will in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,

and who may stand in God's holy place?
**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being,
nor do they pledge by what is false.**

They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.
**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting
doors, that the King of glory may come in.
**Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in
battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting
doors, that the King of glory may come in.
**Who is this King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

God of all creation, open our hearts that Christ, the King of glory,
may enter and rule our lives. Give us clean hands and pure
hearts, that we may stand in your presence and receive your
blessing through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Second Lesson: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (p. 280 of the OT in pew
Bible)

Sermon "Joy"

Hymn #14 For the Beauty of the Earth Conrad Kocher
Dix

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Lord of the Dance arr. Lloyd Larson
Lee Ann Grace, Soprano And Howard Henry, Baritone

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth at Bethlehem I had my birth. Dance, whenever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he and lead you all whenever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance said he. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John, they came with me and the Dance went on. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they hung me high; and left me there on a cross to die. I danced on Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on! They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the Life that-'ll never die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me.

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 #716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending James H. Wood
Beach Spring

Benediction

Postlude Trumpet Tune Paul Fey
In C Major

Music License #A-723910

Participating in Worship
The Rev. Tom Yorty
Gregory White, Organist
Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director
Val Macer, Liturgist
Kathy Hallborg & Amy Maundrell, Greeters
Scott Horton, Live streamer

Next Sunday
Ginna Coon, Liturgist
Sandy Boag & Barbara Kraemer, Greeters
Val Macer, Live streamer

This Week...

Sunday, July 14	10:30 am	Worship Service
Monday, July 15	6:30 pm	Calvary/UPC Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, July 16	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Open Technology Team
Thursday, July 18	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, July 14	10:30 am	Worship Service

Call for Sunday Morning Offering Counters

One of the many roles Barbara Lyons (of blessed memory) took on here at UPC was counting the Sunday morning offering. Since her recent passing the Session is putting out a call for volunteers to take her place. Because Barbara was Barbara, she was our primary counter. Replacing her will not be easy, it will take teams of church members who will count the offering no more than once a month, perhaps less frequently depending on how many teams we recruit. While it is likely that most teams will choose to count immediately after Sunday worship, there is flexibility on when a team may choose to fulfill their duty.

Janet Mazzaroppi, Sandy Robertson and Sandy Boag are currently serving as counters and will continue to do so. They are also the recruiting and training team for those who step forward for this critical task in the life of the church. A new manual is being prepared to explain the procedure for counting. The introduction to the manual includes this important statement: **Weekly counting of monies that come into the church is an extremely important Ministry. It is an unsung, invisible position that requires accuracy, dedication And confidentiality.**

Counters work mindfully, with care and attention to detail. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about what being a counter entails please contact Janet or either of the Sandy's. Thank you!

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”