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Sunday, July 21, 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>

9th Sunday after Pentecost, July 21, 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

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Cesar Franck

From: Prelude, Fugue et Variation

Welcome and Announcements

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

In Christ we are no longer strangers;
we are members of the household of God.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,
Author of our life
and End of our pilgrimage:
Guide us by your Word and Spirit
amid all perils and temptations,
that we may not wander from your way,
nor stumble in the darkness;
but may finish our course in safety,
and come to our eternal rest in you;
through the grace and merit

of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn #619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

John Goss

Lauda Anima

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.**

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

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.

Hymn #581

Glory Be To The Father
Gloria Patri

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:

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.**

First Lesson: Psalm 89:20-37

**I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.**
my hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.

**No enemy shall deceive him,
nor shall the wicked bring him down.**

I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.

**My faithfulness and steadfast love are with him,
and he shall be victorious through my name.**

I will set his hand on the sea,
and his right hand on the rivers.

**He will say to me, 'You are my father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'**

I will make him my firstborn
and higher than the kings of the earth.

**I will keep my love for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.**

I will establish his line forever
and his throne as the days of heaven.

**If his children forsake my teaching
and do not walk according to my judgments;**

if they break my statutes
and do not keep my commandments;

I will punish their transgressions

but I will not take my love from him,
nor let my faithfulness prove false.

**I will not break my covenant, nor change what has gone
out of my lips.**

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness:
I will not lie to David.

**His line shall endure forever
and his throne as the sun before me;**

it shall stand fast forevermore like the moon,
the abiding witness in the sky.

Second Lesson: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (p. 41 of the NT in pew Bible)

Solo: Romance in F, Op. 50 L. Van Beethoven
Adagio Cantabile
Amy Herron, Violin

Sermon "When Interruptions Become Ministry"

Hymn #435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Dutch Melody
In Babilone

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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 #312 Take Us As We Are, O God Alfred V. Fedak
Endless Feast

Benediction

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary Paul Fey
Allegretto

Music License #A-723910

Participating in Worship

The Rev. Tom Yorty

Gregory White, Organist

Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director

Ginna Coon, Liturgist

Sandy Boag & Barbara Kraemer, Greeters

Val Macer, Live streamer

Next Sunday

Amy Erickson, Liturgist

Dennis Erickson & Sharon Melius, Greeters

Val Macer, Live streamer

This Week...

Sunday, July 21	10:30 am	Worship Service
Tuesday, July 23	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 25	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, July 28	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship with Birthday Cake

After service each Sunday, we enjoy each other's company in the Fellowship Room. There is always a basket in the table for donations to support this activity. Please remember to donate as you can so we can continue to provide refreshments. Thank you!

Have you fulfilled your pledge this summer? You may be on vacation, but the church still needs to pay it's bills. Thank you for your generous support.

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”