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**Sunday, July 28, 2024**

**The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty, Interim Pastor  
Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director  
Gregory White, Organist**

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

10th Sunday after Pentecost, July 28, 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

Pastorale

Giuseppe Androvadini

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Lord upholds those who are falling;  
**God raises those who are bowed down.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Eternal God,  
protector of all who put their trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
Fill us with your mercy and your grace,  
that, with you to rule and guide,  
we may so use the good things of this present life  
that we do not neglect those of eternal worth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn #630

Fairest Lord Jesus  
*Crusaders' Hymn*

Silesian folk melody

### **Confession and Pardon**

The Invitation:

Remember that our Lord Jesus  
can sympathize with us in our weakness,  
since in every respect he was tempted as we are,  
yet without sin.

Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace,  
that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help in time of need.  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

The Prayer:

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Forgive those who confess their faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name.**

*There follows a moment of silent personal confession*

The Pardon:

The saying is sure  
and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Jesus Christ came into the world

to save sinners.  
He himself bore our sins  
in his body on the cross,  
that we might be dead to sin,  
and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven. **Amen.**

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:

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:  
Grant us so to hear them,  
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,  
that we may embrace and ever hold fast  
the blessed hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Psalm 14

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt, every deed is vile;  
there is no one who does any good.

**The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all,  
to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks  
after God.**

They have all proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;  
there is none who does good; no, not one.

**Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the LORD?**

See how they tremble with fear,  
because God is in the company of the righteous.

**Your aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,  
but the LORD is their refuge.**

**All: Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of  
Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of the  
people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

God of wisdom and truth, without you our lives go astray, and we  
face corruption within and around us. Show your mighty presence  
among us, that we may joyfully proclaim your deliverance in Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Second Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:1-15 (p. 284 of the OT in pew Bible)

Solo:                      How Great Thou Art                      Swedish Folk Melody  
   Amy Erickson, Soprano;    Hymn #625  
   Barbara Kraemer, Mezzo Soprano; Craig Steger, Baritone

Sermon                      "To What, Whom Are We Accountable?"

Hymn #286                      Breathe on Me, Breath of God                      Robert Jackson  
   Trentham

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Cantabile

Benedetto Marcello

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 #67

My Song Forever Shall Record

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*

George Ratcliffe Woodward

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Fanfare II

*Vivace*

Paul Fey

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by Val Macer  
in memory of her mother, Phyllis Macer.

Participating in Worship  
The Rev. Tom Yorty  
Gregory White, Organist  
Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director  
Amy Erickson, Liturgist  
Dennis Erickson & Sharon Melius, Greeters  
Val Macer, Live streamer

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Next Sunday  
Jim Smyton, Liturgist  
Val Macer & Tom Somerville, Greeters  
TBD, Live streamer

### **This Week...**

Sunday, July 28	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Birthday Cake
Tuesday, July 30	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 2	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, August 4	10:30 am	Worship Service

**Support Calvary Baptist Church Community Day July 28:** On Sunday July 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, 1184 Genesee Street, will host 125 community service vendors for their surrounding neighborhood. After singing Happy Birthday and fortifying yourself with cake at UPC, do you have any time to stop at Calvary Baptist to assist with this effort? They particularly need help with teardown. Here is a congregation-bonding opportunity. See Val or Marietta or Derek or Howard for questions.

**During the months of July and August**, we are holding Fellowship Hour only on Birthday Sundays, i.e. the last Sunday of each month. On these Birthday Sundays, we enjoy each other's company in the Fellowship Room. There is always a basket on the table for donations to support this activity. Please remember to donate as you can, so we can continue to provide refreshments.

### **Welcome Visitors**

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.

### **University Presbyterian Church Officers and Staff**

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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”**