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Sunday, July 7, 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>

7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 7, 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 Schmucke dich, o liebe Seele J. S. Bach
Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Welcome and Announcements

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

God made the sabbath as a gift for us,
and Jesus Christ is Lord of the sabbath.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God of the nations,
you have revealed your will to all people
and promised us your saving help.
May we hear and do what you command,
that the power of evil may be overcome
by the gift of your healing grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn #436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O Quanta Qualia

Paris Antiphoner

Confession and Pardon

The Invitation:

When we pass through deep waters
or go through times of fiery trial,
the Lord our God is with us.

With confidence in God,
our creator and redeemer,
let us confess our sin.

The Prayer:

**Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

The Pardon:

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we 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:

God our helper,
by your Holy Spirit, open our minds,
that as the scriptures are read
and your word is proclaimed,
we may be led into your truth
and taught your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Epistle: Ephesians 4:25-32 (p. 194 of the NT in the pew Bible)

The Gospel: Mark 6:1-13 (p. 40 of the NT in pew Bible)

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.

Solo

Just As I Am
Hymn 442

arr. Brenda Portman
Kelly Nieman, Mezzo-Soprano

Sermon "Strength in Weakness"

Hymn #65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah John Hughes
CWM Rhondda

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary Cantilena Eugene Butler

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

We offer our prayers through Christ,
who is risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns forever,
and prays for us in heaven.

Through Christ, we pray for the church . . .
Let us be people of joy, living witnesses
to the power of the resurrection
and the good news of your grace and peace.
Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for the earth. . .
From the dust of the damaged earth,
raise up your new creation,
full of beauty, wonder, and glory.
Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for all nations . . .
Let the message of your saving power
spread throughout the world:
that peace may replace the dominion of death.
Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for this community . . .
Let the doors of this church be open wide
as we reach out in love and service
and welcome those in search of a home.
Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for loved ones . . .
Give hope to those who wait for good news.
Turn their mourning into dancing,
and their sorrow into joy.
Living God, **hear our prayer.**

God of all power and glory, receive these prayers,
and continue your mighty work among us,
through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. **Amen.**

Draw near to the Lord, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures forever.
Let us pray to the Lord, our Savior.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

**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.**

EUCCHARIST

The Invitation:

Jesus said: Come to me,
All you that are weary
And carrying heavy burdens,
And I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

For I am gentle and humble in heart,
And you will find rest for your souls.

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you,
O God, creator of the universe.

In your wisdom, you made all things
and sustain them by your power.

You formed us in your image to love and serve you
and to live in peace with your creation.

When we rebelled against you,
you did not abandon us,
but sent prophets to call us back to your way.

Then in the fullness of time,
you sent your only Son

to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Therefore we join our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever praise your name:

The Sanctus:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
whom you sent to save us.

He came with healing in his touch,
and was wounded for our sins.
He came with mercy in his voice,
and was mocked as one despised.
He came with peace in his heart,
and met with violence and death.
By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb,
and at his command the gates of hell were opened.
The one who was dead now lives.
The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation,
the Lamb upon the throne.
The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.
Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine
from the gifts you have given us,
and celebrate with joy
the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

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.**

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion:

Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit
to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
Materna

Samuel Augustus Ward

Benediction

Postlude

Tuba Voluntary

Paul Fey

The chancel flowers are given by Connie and Ed Michael in loving
memory of Ed's parents, John and Mary Michael

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Participating in Worship:

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Jim Smyton, Liturgist

Amy Maundrell & Tom Somerville, Greeters

Val Macer, Live streamer

Communion Servers: Scott Horton, Barbara Kraemer, Sandy Robertson,

Next Sunday:

Val Macer, Liturgist

Kathy Hallborg & Amy Maundrell, Greeters

Scott Horton, Live streamer

This Week...

Sunday, July 7	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Congregational Meeting
Tuesday, July 9	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 11	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, July 14	10:30 am	Worship

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!

Summer Hymns: If you have a favorite hymn you would like to hear/sing over the summer please complete the form handed to you this morning and place it in the offering plate as it is passed. We will try to accommodate as many hymns as possible over the summer.

Congregational Meeting: The Session is calling a congregational meeting Today, July 7, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing two more people to the Pastor Nominating Committee, enlarging it from 7 to 9. The rationale is that the work of the PNC is significant and adding two people to the committee will make this critical work more manageable.

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”