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Sunday, June 23, 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>

5th Sunday after Pentecost, June 23, 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 Favorite Hymns arr. Diane Bish

Welcome and Announcements

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

Let the redeemed of the Lord rejoice;
for the steadfast love of God, give thanks!

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord,
to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labor and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will;
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 #23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
Pleading Savior

Richard Proulx

Confession and Pardon

The Invitation:

Do you not know that all of us
who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?
Our old selves were crucified with him,
so that we might be slaves to sin no more.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

The Prayer:

**Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.**

**God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer.**

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

The Pardon:

If we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.
Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

In the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Solo: Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Amy Erickson, Mezzo-Soprano
Text in Hymnal #834

arr. Thomas A. Dorsey

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 Hymn #822

**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:

Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Psalm 9:9-20

You, O LORD, will be a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge in time of trouble.

**Those who know your name will put their trust in you,
for you never forsake those who seek you, O LORD.**

Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion;
proclaim to the peoples the things God has done.

**The avenger of blood will remember them
and will not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

Be gracious to me, O LORD;
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,
you that lift me up from the gates of death;
**so that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your
salvation in the gates of the city of Zion.**

The nations have fallen into the pit they dug;
in the snare they set, their own foot is caught.

**The LORD is revealed in acts of justice;
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.**

The nations go down to the grave,
all the peoples that forget God.

**For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
nor shall the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Rise up, O LORD, let not mortals have the upper hand;
let the nations be judged before you.

**Put them in fear, O LORD;
let the nations know they are but mortal.**

Righteous Judge, hear the cries of your oppressed people. Rescue them from their enemies, and save them from the gates of death, so that we may rejoice in your help and tell your praise in the gates of Zion; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Second Lesson: 1 Samuel 17:32-49 (p. 261 of the OT in pew Bible)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:35-41 (p. 39 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.

Sermon "Even the Wind and Waves Obey Him"

Hymn #24 God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
Holy Manna William Moore

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary: Favorite Hymns arr. Diane Bish

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 #450 Be Thou My Vision Irish Ballad
Slane

Benediction

Postlude: Favorite Hymns arr. Diane Bish

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Participating in Worship
The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty
Gregory White, Organist
Allan Andrews, Minister of Music & Choral Director
Patricia Maddock, Liturgist
Kathy Hallborg & Amy Maundrell, Greeters
Chinomnso Awazie, Live streamer

Next Sunday
John McClester, Liturgist
Kathy Hallborg & Tom Somerville, Greeters
Scott Horton, Live streamer

This Week...

Sunday, June 23	10:30 am	Worship
Tuesday, June 25	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, June 26	7:00 pm	Session
Thursday, June 27	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open

This Week continued...

Sunday, June 30

Grandchildren's Day

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Potluck & Birthday Cake

International Day in Remembrance of Victims of Torture - June 26: Please join Howard Henry on Wednesday, June 26 from 6 pm to 7 pm for a one hour silent vigil in remembrance of victims of torture. We will meet at the intersection of Main Street and Niagara Falls Blvd. in front of University Presbyterian Church. Please contact Howard for questions at hwhjr98@gmail.com. For Bible readers, please see Matthew 27:11-56; Mark 15:1-37; Luke 23:8-49; and, John 19;1-30.

After service each Sunday, 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 refreshment. Thank you!

Red Sweater Youth - My name is Sarah Streb. I am the intern for Red Sweater Youth. RSY is a program of the Youngstown Presbyterian Church and is a mission experience for youth based on the teachings of Jesus and Fred Rogers. This year, youth from the Fourth Pres Church of Chicago are coming to Youngstown to serve God in our neighborhood. This program is made possible through grants from the Presbytery of WNY and the Synod of the NE.

On behalf of RSY, we would like to invite all Presbytery youth and their leaders to dinner and worship led by Micah Nutter-Dowling on Sat. June 29th from 5:30-7:30 to meet our new friends from Chicago. You can text me to RSVP at 716-545-0845 or RSY Director Monica Barner at 716-940-7582.

We look forward to meeting new friends and our WNY neighbors!

Chair Sale! You buy one/ UPC buys one....we are hoping to purchase 100 chairs for the Fellowship Room. Place donation in an envelope marked CHAIR, and place in offering plate or turn in to church office. If paying by cash make sure to put your name on the envelope. Checks should be made payable to UPC with the word CHAIR in the notation section. Chairs are \$30 apiece .

Grandchildren's Sunday- Sunday, June 30 is the day we will celebrate our grandchildren! Bring your grandchildren (or any children) to church and plan on staying for our potluck lunch. Let's celebrate the children in our lives!!

Open House: Tyler Street Community Garden! You are invited to an open house at 73 Tyler Street, where UPC has two garden beds. The produce raised there is donated to the UPC Food Pantry. The open house is Friday, June 28, from 4 - 9 PM. Please come and see what we're doing in the garden and how you can help! If you have questions, please contact Val Macer, Chris Falzone, or Jude Hammer.

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”