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Sunday, June 29, 2025

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Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist**

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

3rd Sunday after Pentecost, June 29, 2025
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*)

There is no other like the Lord our God,
keeping covenant and steadfast love.

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 #407 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers Johann Crüger
Nun Danket All' Und Bringet Her'

Confession and Pardon

The Invitation

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

The Prayer:

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have
ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry,
the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from
selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your
commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

The Pardon:

Because we were buried with Christ in these waters,
we are also raised to life with him. Believe the gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Amen.**

Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

*Glory Be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

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:

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

The Psalter: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

I will cry aloud to God; I will cry aloud, and God will hear me.
**In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;
my hand was stretched out by night and did not tire;
I refused to be comforted.**

I will remember the works of the LORD,
**I will meditate on all your acts
and ponder your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God?
**You are the God who works wonders and have declared
your power among the peoples.**

By your strength you have redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
**The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and
trembled; the very depths were shaken.**

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;
your lightning bolts flashed to and fro;
**the sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and
shook.**

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,
yet your footsteps were not seen.

**You led your people like a flock by the hand of
Moses and Aaron.**

God of the ages, by signs and wonders you established your
ancient covenant, and through the sacrifice of your Son you
confirmed the new covenant yet more wondrously. Guide your
church to the land of promise, that there we may celebrate your
name with lasting praise through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62 (p. 70 in the NT of the pew bible)

Sermon "The Cost of Discipleship II"

Hymn #781 Hear My Cry, O God, and Save Me!
Distress *Arr. Alfred V. Fedak*

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 #711

Lord of All Good
Toulon

arr. Genevan 124

Benediction

Postlude

Favorite Hymns

arr. Diane Bish

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Participating in Worship
The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty
Rebecca Kroetsch, Choir Director
Gregory White, Organist
Dennis Erickson, Liturgist
Grace Agbemenu & Kathy Hallborg, Greeters
Val Macer, Live streamer

Next Week:

Jim Smyton, Liturgist

Nick Casseri & Kathy Hallborg, Greeters

Val Macer, Live streamer

This Week...

Sunday, June 29

10:30 am
11:30 am

Worship Service
Fellowship & Birthday Cake

Monday, June 30

7:00 pm

PNC

Tuesday, July 1

12:00 pm
5:00 pm
7:00 pm

Food Pantry Open
Pickle ball
Technology Mtg.

Thursday, July 3

12:00 pm

Food Pantry Open

Friday, July 4

Independence Day Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 6

10:30 am

Worship

June Session Meeting Highlights

The pre-work for the Capital Campaign has started. Recommended actions:

- Renovations to the front of the church including front and side doors being scraped & painted, flashing repaired, bushes removed and new landscaping installed, and concrete repaired. Target completion date: Rally Day. The steeple is lit again!
- Technology & Communication Updates include a computerized LED sign to be installed in existing structure, redesign and brand website, research office management systems (software).
- Outreach & Visioning: Working with Buffalo State University to identify a unified vision.

Jim Smyton will co-chair the capital Campaign Cabinet.

The session has approved offering space for the PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara organization to rent space once a month for meetings. This is a local chapter of a national organization dedicated to supporting families when a loved one comes out. They also work to educate the public about LGBTQ+ persons and issues.

UPC and Calvary Baptist church have been invited to attend Charles Drew's moving up day ceremony.

PNC reported to Session that a candidate has been selected and interviewed. They have seen the candidate preach several times. The PNC is following all the steps the Presbytery requires and more updates will be announced.

July 19th (Saturday) Bison's Game! The game starts at 6:30. We are waiting to hear from the Bison's folks- we may be able to have a tour prior to the game. We'll let you know. Ride shares will be arranged for those who would like to join in the fun. Let us know if you are interested. Contact Nick Casseri (716-361-5080 or Peg at the office (716-836-7660).

July 25th (Friday) Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's Unity Concert! JoAnn Falletta, the BPO, and the Buffalo United Community Choir (BUCC) present a performance continuing our commitment to share musical experiences that bring together and uplift the Western NY community. The concert is free and begins at 7:30 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located at 179 E. Ferry St. contact Amy Erickson (716-480-4591) or Peg in the church office (716-836-7660).

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"