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Sunday, July 6, 2025

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Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist**

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

4th Sunday after Pentecost, July 6, 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.

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: Prelude on St. Flavian Healy Willan
Partita
Grave; Var. I – Andante; Var. II – Andante

Welcome and Announcements

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

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us courage like you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn # 36 For the Fruit of All Creation Welsh Melody
Ar Hydy Nos

THE 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. Amen.

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy New World Symphony

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.

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.**

The Psalter: Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

"You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my LORD,
saying,**

What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."**

You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Loving God, glorious in giving and restoring life, do not hide your face from your people overcome with loneliness and fear. Turn our weeping into dancing, our despair into joy, and raise us up with Christ, that we may rejoice in your presence forever; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (p. 71 of the NT in the pew bible)

Duet Give Me Jesus arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
 Sydney Conrad, Soprano and Joe Greenan, Tenor

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus! You can have all this world, but I will steal away to Jesus. I ain't got long to stay here. You can have all this world. Give me Jesus.

Sermon "Getting Ready for the Next Leg of the Journey-
 What We Signed Up For"

Hymn #295 Go to the World! Ralph Vaughan Williams
 Sine Nomine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary Prelude on St. Flavian Healey Willan
 Var. III – Moderato; Var. IV – Moderato

Doxology

**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

THE EUCHARIST

The Invitation:

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

THE 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: *(Page 10 of bulletin)*

Holy God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, welcomed sinners, and proclaimed good news to the poor. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he reigns with you in glory and will come again to make all things new.

The 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.**

Intercessions for the church and the world

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, you graciously feed us, who have received these holy mysteries, with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises

tell of your glory and truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom. **Amen.**

Hymn #719 Come, Labor On Thomas Tertius Noble
 Ora Labora

Benediction

Postlude Prelude on St. Flavin arr. Diane Bish
 Var. V – Andante

(The congregation is invited to remain seated during the Postlude)

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

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Participating in Worship:

The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty
Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist
Jim Smyton, Liturgist
Kathy Hallborg & Nick Casseri, Greeters
Val Macer, Live streamer
Ginna Coon, Cindy Hickey & Barbara Kraemer, Communion Servers

Next Sunday:

Lee Ann Grace, Liturgist
Amy & Dennis Erickson, Greeters
Nick Casseri, Live streamer

This Week...

Sunday, July 6	10:30 am	Worship Service
Tuesday, July 8	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	2:30 pm	Zoom Ministry to Community
	5:00 pm	Pickle ball
Wednesday, July 9	7:00 pm	Technology Meeting
Thursday, July 10	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Sunday, July 13	10:30 am	Worship Service

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).

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
 Gm F E^b F Gm Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) (Am6) (B7) (Em) (D)
 Gm Cm6 D7 Gm F

pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
 E^b F Gm Cm F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
 Gm F Gm F E^b

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(D) (A) (Am) (D)
 F C Cm F

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm Cm F Dm7 G

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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”

