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Sunday, July 27, 2025

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Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director
Gregory White, Organist**

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

7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 27, 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.

If you would like to borrow a hearing device for the worship service, please see one of this morning's Greeters.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude Pastorale Giuseppe Androvadini

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*please stand if able*)

Jesus said: Ask, and it will be given to you;
for everyone who asks receives.

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 #688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
St. Anne

William Croft

Confession and Pardon

The Invitation

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

The Prayer:

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved
our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved
kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy
Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

The Pardon:

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: 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:

Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit.
Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds,
and show your will in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

The Psalter: Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your
name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above
all things.**

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the
haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your
steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Compassionate God, you look with favor upon the lowly. Keep us safe in the midst of trouble, make known your love in our words and deeds, and bring us to new life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13 (p. 72 in the NT of the pew bible)

Solo

Rebecca Kroetsch, Soprano

Sermon

Hymn #449 Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love German Melody
Mendon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Voluntary

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 #753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

Sebastian Temple

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C Major

Paul Fey

Chancel Flowers are given by Val Macer in loving memory
of her mother, Phyllis Macer.

Thank you Rev. Dorothy for leading us in worship today.

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Participating in Worship

The Rev. Dorothy Pearman, Guest Pastor

Rebecca Kroetsch, Choir Director

Gregory White, Organist

Amy Erickson, Liturgist

Tom Somerville, Greeter

John Swaine, Live streamer

Next Week:

Jim Smyton, Liturgist

Kathy Hallborg & Tom Somerville, Greeter

Val Macer, Live streamer

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AUGUST 3 TO EXTEND CALL TO
THE REV. DR. CHRISTINE JAMES**

This Week...

Sunday, July 27	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Birthday Cake
Tuesday, July 29	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 31	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, August 2	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
Sunday, August 3	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Congregational Meeting

Community Day: July 27th, Calvary Baptist Church's "Community Day" connects families to community resources. UPC will be showcasing our ministries. Come join us for worship at Calvary from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and/or visit the event from 11:45 a.m. through 3 p.m. Free food, entertainment, raffles, amusements for kids – 1184 Genesee Street, Buffalo. Please contact Howard Henry for information.

Back to School: University Presbyterian Church and Calvary Baptist Church are joining once again to purchase supplies for the students of the Dr. Charles R. Drew School. In the past we provided notebooks, swimsuits, hygiene products and token reinforcers. The staff of the school will let us know soon what their needs are for the upcoming school year. We want to be ready to help the kids be ready for school!

Starting July 20 through August 10 you can place your financial gift in the offering plate. Please include "School supplies" and your church pledge number on the memo line of your check. If using cash, please place in an envelope with "School supplies", your name and pledge number on the outside. Your gift will help make this a great school year!

Please note: Pickleball has been deferred until the Fall. Check upcoming bulletins and the September Network for start-up date.

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”