



United Presbyterian Church
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May 5, 2024
Deacons Sunday
Holy Communion

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**

PRELUDE *For All the Saints* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

James Haverstock, liturgist

Liturgist: The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign;

People: his is the name above all names.

Liturgist: We are witnesses: the Lord is risen!

People: Christ has ascended to reign on high.

***Opening Hymn** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* #423

PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)



Liturgist: We are called by Christ from suffering to renewal, from despair to hope. As witnesses to God's love for all people, let us show God's love for one another. Let us pass the peace of Christ to restore the broken places in our community. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSIC for MEDITATION

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Members of the UPC Quartet

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Let us repent of those things that have drawn us away from God and our neighbors, that we may receive the joy of forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: In Christ's love, we are loved. In Christ's glory, we are glorified. In Christ's grace, we are saved. Believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

God Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy, continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: *Acts 1:1-11* (Pew Bible p.830; Large Print p.1675) – Liturgist

Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:15-23* (Pew Bible p.890; Large Print p.1798) – Liturgist

Gospel Reading: *Luke 24:44-53* (Pew Bible p.809; Large Print p.1631) – Pastor

Pastor: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON *The Ascension of the Lord* Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Hymn: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* #462

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**— The Apostles' Creed (traditional) led by Rev. Montgomery
I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri #579

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Hymn of Preparation: *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* #505

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

**Breaking of the Bread
 Communion of the People
 Prayer after Communion**

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Cuando el Pobre (When a Poor One)

Members of the UPC Quartet

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #151

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

The family of Sydney and Jesse McBride as they mourn the loss of infant Elliott McBride.

Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen Anita Steverson Roby Lorimer Yoshi Yoshida

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda

The people of Ukraine and Middle East

Our military men and women around the world

The staff and faculty of Monroe County United Ministries

Fairlawn Presbyterian Church, pastored by Rev. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick – serves Christ with open hearts, minds and arms. We're a small congregation located in the NE section of Columbus. Worship is at 9:30 am, followed by a time of fellowship and a second hour Christian nurture opportunity. We offer Little Lights, Children's Church and youth group on Sundays. We're home to Fairlawn Preschool where we partner to have Milk and Cookie Story Hour, Music Fest, Art Show and Popsicle Playground? For a local elementary school we provide volunteers, Book Buddies and back-to-school teacher supply kits. Please pray as we continue to reach out into our community and follow where the Spirit leads. Thank you.



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