



Union Presbyterian Church

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 7, 2022 | 10AM

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

This hymn text is set to a shape note tune named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Confession is our opportunity to be honest with God, so that our relationship may be restored and our hearts reconciled.

Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue prayer card. Place both in the offering plate when it is passed.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

We come convinced of many things but trusting very few.

Holy God of limitless surprises, we ask you to meet us here in this place
**so we may touch that which we cannot see,
so we may be assured of that which we have not dared to hope.**

*Hymn 817 (v. 1-3) *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."**

**We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.**

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope. Enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders of you in the world every day. (Silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news. Because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven. We are refreshed, renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as ones who are forgiven and freed giving thanks to God.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient practices of worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

Hymn #463 This hymn was sung to the tune of ADESTES FIDELES well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias to shape note music.

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to come to the steps of the chancel.

This text was initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1900. This hymn has become an anthem not only for civil rights but for all who seek liberation from oppression.

*Sharing Christ's Peace

Because God has given us the peace of forgiveness, let us also be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Engage

*Song for Illumination

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-13

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible...⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Message

Assurance of Faith

Rev. Lisa Stenner

*Hymn 339 (v.1,3)

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

**Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Respond

Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Financial offerings support the Body of Christ through the life and mission of Union Presbyterian Church. You may give online www.unionpresby.org automated giving through your bank, via Venmo @UnionPresby and through snail mail.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ all you creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen

Prayers of the People

The People Share Communion with God and with Each Other

Responsive Affirmation of Faith (from *The Brief Statement of Faith*)
Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Closing Prayer

*Hymn #546 (v.1,2) *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessings* SICILIAN MARINERS

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist
Mary Lu Funyak, Liturgist



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This hymn of corporate benediction was written by a Baptist pastor in rural Yorkshire and set to a tune first transcribed from Sicilian sailors.

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people

Birthdays

August 8 Julie Bailey, Evie Fowler
August 13 Kathy Martin

Prayers

Anita Merkel, Jo Ann Scott, April Merkel,
Joanie Kenkel, Elaine Johnson, Jan Lawson,

We need your pictures of activities at UPC from 2021 through now. We want to update the website and need current photos. You may email pictures to the church office at unionpresby@gmail.com. You may also drop off hard copies to the church office. We will scan the pictures and return them to you.



Sunday, August 14th Blessing of the Backpacks during 10am worship, ALL educators, school staff, bus drivers, and students preschool through graduate school will receive backpack charms and a blessing for the new school year. You may also get charms for friends and family in worship or have them delivered.



Drive Through Blessing of the Backpacks 2pm – 4pm Everyone in the community is invited to drive through and receive a backpack charm and a blessing for the new school year. Tell your neighbors and friends.

State of Union Sunday, August 14th after worship Finance Ministry will present the revised 2022 budget that they promised at the beginning of the year. The stream for worship will end with the postlude. We will then go to a Zoom format that will allow folks online to join in the conversation. The Zoom link will be in next week's newsletter.

We're almost there with funding for the next landscaping project! We are only \$190 away from the \$720 goal. Donate today so we can start organizing the logistics. Info about the project is in the narthex. You may give through the website or by check with the memo *Landscaping Project*. ?: Contact Bob Janes rjan357@gmail.com

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