

# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH


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May 5, 2024  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



LOVING  
LIKE  
JESUS

*"A gesture of love is anything we do that helps others discover their humanity. Any act where we turn to one another. Open our hearts. Extend ourselves. Listen. Any time we're patient. Curious. Quiet. Engaged."*  
— Margaret Wheatle



**Sunday Worship**  
**10:00 am**

Office Hours  
Tuesday – Friday  
8:30 am – 12 Noon, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
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## We Gather in God's Name

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### Prelude

*You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.  
We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.*

### Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### + Invitation to Worship

in the beauty of this moment,  
in the fellowship of your people,  
in the presence of your Spirit,  
in the company of all creation...

**We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.**

### + Gathering Hymn 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

## We Offer Our Gratitude

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### Community Prayer

Rich Sipe

**Loving, living God, be among us now.  
We bring our stories to this place, and we wait to be held by yours.  
We bring our faithfulness: shape it with grace.  
We bring our success: shape it with generosity.  
We bring our weaknesses: shape them with compassion.  
We bring our possibilities: shape them with hope.  
Speak into our tiredness with your story of grace.  
Speak into our wandering with your story of vision.  
Speak into our impatience with your story of wisdom.  
Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us and help us remember  
that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in  
service and love. Amen.**

### Sung Response 695

"Change My Heart, O God"

### + Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.*

### Invitation to the Offering

*We are grateful for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share.  
We offer each person an opportunity to connect with giving by placing at least one \$1 in the offering plate.  
As we give faithfully, each faithful \$1 will bless the ministry of UPC.*

**Offertory Anthem**      “How Deep the Father’s Love”      *arr. Shackley*

**+ Presentation of Gifts  
& Hymn 606**      “Doxology”

## **We Listen & Receive**

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### **Time with the Young Church**

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward.  
Nursery and Children’s Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.*

**Scripture Reading**      John 15:9-17  
This is the gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      “One Thing”      Brandon Lewis

## **We Respond to God’s Grace**

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**Hymn 509**      “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

**The Celebration of  
the Lord’s Supper**      Invitation to the Lord’s Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer  
Communion of the People

*You are welcome to receive communion by intinction – a sign of the body of the Church acting together, moving as a community towards the Table. Please exit your pew to your left, receive a piece of bread from one of the stations, dip it in the cup, and partake of both elements together. Please return to the other end of the pew after receiving communion. If you are unable to come forward, we will gladly bring communion to you.*

Communion Hymn 544 “Bless the Lord”  
Prayer

## **We Are Sent in God’s Love**

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**+ Closing Hymn 300**      “We Are One in the Spirit”

**+ Benediction**

**+ Benediction Song**      “Go with God”

## Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey—whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

## Announcements

### Discovering Scotland

Saturday, May 3- Sunday, May 11, 2025

Contact Tami VanRas if you are interested in going.

**Scotland Early Bird Deposit is Due Today!**

### Enneagram- Rev. Dr. Sarah Sanderson Doughty

Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Learn about the nine personality types.

Registration is \$25.00.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 5</b>
10:00AM	Sunday Worship
11:15AM	Gathering Committee Meeting

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 7</b>
10:00AM	Unoffendable Book Study
5:30PM	Women's Evening Bible Study

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 8</b>
7:00AM	Early Risers Fellowship
7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 9</b>
11:30AM	Yoga for All - Booth Hall
5:00PM	PEO Meeting

## Serving Today

**Thank you to all who served in worship today.**

**Liturgist** – Rich Sipe

**Ushers** – Retha Larson, Ann Rietmann, and Jack Towns

**Coffee Hour** – Gathering Committee

**Childrens Programs** – Sienna Bogart, Cindy Fellows, Estella Riddle and Josiah Blaisdell

## Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

### Children's Nursery

The nursery (Room 208) will be available for infants—age 3 during worship services. Children can be dropped off any time after 9:30am and picked up following worship.

### Godly Play

#### Age 3 – Grade 2 | Godly Play

As a continuation of worship, Godly Play is a formational practice of exploring the mystery of God's inviting presence in our lives, teaching children how to listen for God and then to make authentic and creative responses to God.

### Creative Minds

#### Grade 3+ | Youth Room

Creative Minds is a formational practice for older children and youth to engage, explore, and re-create the fascinating biblical stories of our faith through the world of Minecraft technology.

## Local Outreach | Ways to Serve

**Linn Benton Food Share**—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities.

## Prayers & Praise

**Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:**

Claude Meyers

The Reid Family

Bill Hulshof

Bill Sissel

The Family of Alyssa Kleven-Morrison

The Family of Bob Nelson (*Andy Nelson's Uncle*)

## CHURCH STAFF

Brandon Lewis, Pastor

Tami Van Ras, Pastoral Assistant

Sienna Bogart, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

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