



2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
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**University Presbyterian Church**

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*Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.*

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.  
The asterisk \* is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

*God of Grace  
Paul Manz  
Concordia Publishing House, 1974*

WELCOME

Mamie Broadhurst

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

One step at a time,

**the Spirit calls us to follow.**

Not with the whole plan or map,

**just one thing at a time.**

Faithfully we go,

**trusting that more will be revealed.**

Friends, let us worship God together.

HYMN No. 612

***We Praise You, O God***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jan Risher

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Living God,**

**you lead us to opportunities to share your good news,**

**to recognize your word lived out in real life,**

**to connect your story and our story.**

**You speak, and we have tried to listen,**

**but we do not always understand.**

**We confess that we have added rules and requirements  
to prevent too much passion.**

**We confess that we have sometimes gotten in your way,  
insisting everyone sign on to our understanding,  
to prevent them getting you wrong.  
Where we have been wrong, help put us right.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**Forgive us, loving God.  
Make our hearts as open as yours,  
our love as faithful as yours,  
our welcome as joyful as yours,  
our word as gracious as yours.  
We ask in the name of the Living Word. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

God does not leave us heavy with regret but sends us teachers to help us hear, learn, grow, and share. With the gift of forgiveness through Christ we begin again.

Friends, hear the good news:  
**in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *adapted from Hymn 439*  
**God forgives all our transgressions, all our failings gently clears.  
God redeems us with compassion, and with us so kindly deals.**

### WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS  
Acts 8:26-39

SERMON

Julius "Tip" Tipton

### WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

\*HYMN No. 707

***Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother and Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

## OFFERING of GIFTS

*Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and  
consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources.  
If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time,  
on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

## INVITATION

### ANTHEM

*The Lord is My Shepherd,*

*Henry Smart*

*Public Domain*

*Rick Pitcher, Lois Kuyper-Rushing*

*The Lord is my shepherd, I never shall want,  
For lack of his mercies, my soul shall not pant;  
In pleasant green pastures I daily abide,  
He leads me the peaceful still waters beside.*

*My soul he restoreth, and for his name's sake,  
The path of true righteousness bids me, bids me to take.  
Yea, though I pass through death's dark valley and shade,  
I will not by evil be ever dismayed, I will not by evil be ever dismayed.  
The Lord is my shepherd, I never shall want.*

*For thou art my shepherd, and with me alway,  
Thy rod and thy staff are my comfort and stay;  
My table thou spreadest in presence of foes,  
My head thou anointest, my cup overflows.*

*Thy goodness and mercy shall follow me still,  
While life's earnest duties I daily fulfill;  
Till joyous my spirit shall claim its reward,  
And dwell evermore in the house of the Lord  
And dwell evermore in the house of the Lord.*

*The Lord is my shepherd, I never shall want.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)**

**God of All,  
From you comes every gift we need, every blessing we have.  
May we not hoard them for ourselves, but offer them back to you,  
that the poor might be fed, the lonely befriended,  
and the despairing be filled with hope.  
This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

**\*HYMN No. 746**

***Send Me, Jesus***

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*CHARGE (*responsive*)**

**Go with God.**

**Alleluia! And Amen!**

**POSTLUDE**

***Come, Holy Spirit***

*J. S. Bach*

*Public Domain*

**\*\* *All UPC members are asked to stay in the sanctuary after worship  
for a brief congregational meeting. \*\****

*Many thanks to Ignace Agbadan and Griff Campbell  
for their work live-streaming the service this morning.  
Also, thanks to Judy McGehee for filling in as organist today.*

*The Rev. Dr. Julius R. “Tip” Tipton is an honorably retired PC(USA) minister. He is currently “pastor-on-the-loose” at St. James Place, Baton Rouge.*



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