

University Presbyterian Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 23, 2026 | 8:30AM

<<WE GATHER>>

Instrumental Prelude: “Shepherd of My Soul” by Lee Dengler
UPC String Ensemble

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 2:9

David Gardner, Director of Worship & Arts

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Opening Hymn #20: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

David Gardner, Wade Dingman

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Bonnie Sellen, Elder

Hymn of Assurance #558: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

David Gardner, Jerry van der Pol

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive,
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Welcome

Gareth Icenogle

Greeting One Another

Gareth Icenogle

Hymn #809: "Doxology"

David Gardner, Jerry van der Pol

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

<<WE HEAR>>

Invitation to Children's Worship

Bonnie Sellen

Offering Moment & Prayer of Dedication

Bonnie Sellen

Offertory: "Viola Concerto in G, movements 1 & 2" Georg Philipp Telemann

UPC String Ensemble

Scripture Reading (video): Galatians 4:1-7

1 My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; 2 but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. 3 So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. 6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Sermon: “From Fettering Fundamentals to Faithful Family”

Gareth Icenogle

Sermon Text: Galatians 4:1-7 (p. 947 of NRSV Pew Bible)

<< WE RESPOND >>

Hymn of Response #695: “In Christ There is No East or West”

David Gardner, Jerry van der Pol

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no pride of birth,
The chosen family God has blessed now spans the whole wide earth.

For God in Christ has made us one from every land and race;
Has reconciled us through his Son and met us with his grace.

It is by grace we are assured that we belong to him:
The love we share in Christ our Lord, the Spirit’s work within.

So brothers, sisters, praise his name who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate and shame, from spite and enmity!

In Christ there is no east or west—he breaks all barriers down;
By Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed, in Christ we live as one.

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Bonnie Sellen

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn #263: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

David Gardner, Wade Dingman

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne:

Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;

Alleluia! Hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,

Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Announcements & Benediction

Gareth Icenogle

Instrumental Postlude: "A Song of Glory" arr. Jerry van der Pol

Jerry van der Pol, organ; Bob Davies, piano

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Gareth Icenogle, Transitional Senior Pastor

Bonnie Sellen, Elder

David Gardner, Director of Worship & Arts

Jerry van der Pol, Guest Organist

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Violin: Janet Phelps, Karen Greenwalt, Myrnie Van Kempen, Susan Rutherford, Timothy Heydon, Thai Nguyen

Viola: Colin Wilson

Cello: Anthony Su, Lexi Soge, Beth Panattoni, Kirsten Sullivan

Piano: Jenifer U

NEXT SUNDAY: August 30, 2026

Preacher: Gareth Icenogle

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