

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*please stand as you are able.

March 11 2018, 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

All Are Welcome: Maestoso and Capriccio

Charles Lenz
Jeannie Lee, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others.)*

Rev. Jan Butin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it, says:

**I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.**

I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

**See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.**

*HYMN 773

Heaven Shall Not Wait

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry,
the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. *(silent reflection)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 2167

More Like You (sing twice)

Sing the Faith

**More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.
More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SONG 2233

Where Children Belong

Sing the Faith

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Brianne Christiansen

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:10-31

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

²⁹ After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. ³⁰ Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, ³¹ so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

SERMON

Crossing Religious and Cultural Boundaries

Rev. Phil Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Confession of Belhar)*

We believe

- **that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;**
- **that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;**
- **that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;**
- **that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;**
- **that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;**
- **that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;**

- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream
- that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

In Christ There Is No East or West

Gilbert Martin

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

Glory to God

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy. . .singing: (Hymn 559) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Great is the mystery of faith: (Hymn 560) **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. . .now and forever. (Hymn 561) **Amen, amen, amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

(Please pause to allow those who are gluten-free to come forward first.)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, in your grace ... **You hear our prayers.**

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.

SENDING

*HYMN 301

Let us Build a House (verses 1, 4, and 5)

Glory to God

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All are Welcome: Dance

Charles Lenz



Notes



Holy Week at FUPC

We walk the Way of the Cross.

Palm Sunday • March 25 • 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary (Children's Procession with Palms)

Holy Tuesday • March 27 • 6:00 p.m., Music Room (*Holden Evening Prayer Service*)

Maundy Thursday • March 29 • 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary (Communion in groups around the Lord's Table)

Good Friday • March 30 • 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary (*The Crucifixion Cantata* by John Stainer)

Easter • April 1

We worship the Risen Christ.

Sunrise Worship, 7:30 a.m., Courtyard

Easter Brunch, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt for Children, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

**Called to be a light on the hill,
we boldly proclaim and serve Christ,
the Hope of our changing world.**

**Reaching out as a visible expression of God's grace,
we will meet people where they are,
inviting all into Christ's family through
engaging worship, fellowship, learning, and service.**