

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Please fill in the center seats first.*

July 8, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Prelude in G*

Friedell and Bach/arr. Lee  
Jeannie Lee, Organist

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a thin place

**Where earth and heaven embrace**

**Where past interweaves with future**

**Where people gather expectantly**

This is a thin place

**Where hopes are renewed**

**Where faith is restored**

**Where peace is revived**

**Where love is refreshed**

This is a thin place

**Where fresh words are heard**

**Deep wisdom revealed**

**Daring promises proclaimed**

This is a thin place

**Where the God who shaped us**

**The Christ who remakes us**

**The Spirit who inspires us**

**Walk among us**

**Full of grace and truth**

God above us

God beside us

God within us

**May we be open to see and hear**

**Your grace revealed**

**As we worship you this day**

*(Source: Craig Mitchell, posted on Prayers that Unite Facebook page, May 2018)*

### \*HYMN 529

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

*Glory to God*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

God of Justice and Mercy, we know that we have fallen silent when we should have spoken up. We have ignored the cries of the innocent and joined the crowds in calls of judgment. We have mistaken revenge for justice for and have sought punishment to ease our pain. Forgive us, God, for not seeing our own faults, our own sins, and for not holding ourselves responsible for our inaction and injustice. Restore us, God, to the ways Jesus taught us, to drop our stones and instead seek forgiveness and restoration. Call us into the paths of love and reconciliation, knowing Your mercy extends to all of us, Your grace is a gift, and there is nothing we can do to deserve or earn it. Guide us into living into Your forgiveness, peace and reconciliation, in the name of the Prince of Peace. *(silent reflection)* Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## \*RESPONSE 175

*Seek Ye First*

*Glory to God*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Alleluia, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

## \*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

Rev. Phil Butin

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

#### **Matthew 18:15-18**

<sup>15</sup>"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

#### **Acts 2:37-47**

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

#### **Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(selections from a Brief Statement of Faith)*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

#### *The Blessing Song*

R. Button

*In the desert wandering, in a mob, all alone.  
We are tired, hungry, afraid You will disown.  
Bread, quail and water You did not postpone.  
Words from your heart, written on two stones.*

*Oh, you bless us, guiding us home  
Praise God who blesses us, never leaving us alone.*

*For You give us each other to love and to share.  
You send down to us a Brother to show us how to care.  
And instead of being grateful, instead of walking with you.  
We kiss Him, betray Him, and send Him back to You*

*And still He blesses us, through His precious gift.  
Yes He blesses us, that through Him we all live.*

*We're not blessed to dominate, we're not blessed to withhold.  
We're not blessed to confiscate, we're not blessed to scold.*

*We are blessed to be a blessing to one and to all  
to share all of Creation, to lift each other up when we fall  
God, you give them to us, to see just what we'll do  
Could it be because you want for us to give them too?*

*We are Your blessing, may we return the deed,  
Praise God who blesses us. Help us bless those in need.*

### \*RESPONSE 2045

*Sing a New Song to the Lord (verses 1 and 2)*

*Sing the Faith*

**Sing a new song to the Lord, he to whom wonders belong!  
Rejoice in his triumph and tell of his power—O sing to the Lord a new song!  
Now to the ends of the earth see his salvation is shown!  
And still he remembers his mercy and truth, unchanging in love to his own.**

### \*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.**

(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!**

(Hymn 560) **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

(Hymn 561) **Amen, amen, amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP**

### **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 837**

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

*Glory to God*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Standing on the Promises*

arr. Todd Beaney

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