

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 7, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

Rev. Jan Butin

INTROIT

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
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 who sit in darkness.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
Sing to the Lord a new song!

*HYMN 628

Praise, I Will Praise You Lord

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Jesus, we know the ways our sin separates us from God. Today we confess our resistance to claim the sin in our lives. May we move past prideful notions of piety and look closer at what we don't do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own participation with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us. Make our hearts holy. Teach us by the Spirit to be peace and love for our families, the church, and the world. *(silent confession)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*RESPONSE 175

Seek Ye First (verses 1-3)

Glory to God

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

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

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

ANTHEM

And Can It Be?

Text: C. Wesley; Music: D. Forrest

The first two verses of this hymn explore both the contrast between the glory of heaven that Christ came from and the suffering He endured on earth, as well as the mystery of the love that motivated Him to make that journey. Next, we are reminded how God brings us to salvation in language that reminds us of Peter's experience in Acts 12, where God sent an angel to open the prison doors and loose Peter's chains. The final verse celebrates our new state in Christ and the privilege of communion with God that we enjoy (hymnary.org).

*And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?*

*He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.*

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee.*

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 12:1-21

¹At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ²When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath." ³He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. ⁵Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? ⁶I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

⁹He left that place and entered their synagogue; ¹⁰a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. ¹¹He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? ¹²How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." ¹³Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. ¹⁴But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

¹⁵When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, ¹⁶and he ordered them not to make him known. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁸"Here is my servant, whom I have chosen,
my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased.

I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

¹⁹He will not wrangle or cry aloud,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.

²⁰He will not break a bruised reed
or quench a smoldering wick
until he brings justice to victory.

²¹And in his name the Gentiles will hope."

SERMON

Jesus, Our Pattern of Service

Brianne Christiansen

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Reginald Heber

*Bread of the world in mercy broken, Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
May your feast become the token that by your grace our souls are fed.*

*RESPONSE 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (verse 1)

Glory to God

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

*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.**
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!
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
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 770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

Glory to God

All God's children gonna sit together;

Yes, all God's children gonna sit together one of these days, Alleluia.

All God's children gonna sit together;

All God's children gonna sit together, one of these days.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Glory to His Name

Charity Putnam