

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Please stand as you are able.

March 10, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

(We invite you to take this time to prepare your hearts for worship.)

PRELUDE

Allegretto Cantabile

Flor Peeters
Jeannie Lee, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others.)

Rev. Phil Butin

RINGING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Sophie McClung
Eleanor Eichmann

INTROIT

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

L. Larson
Chancel Choir

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your days be bright."*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Colossians 2:6-7; 1 Timothy 4:12)*

Elliot Eichmann
Matthew Byars

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him,
rooted and built up in him,
established in the faith,
abounding in thanksgiving.
Let no one look down on your youthfulness.
Teach believers with your life: by word, by behavior, by love, by faith, and by integrity.

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Alexander Hemphill

Loving God, you have called us by name: we are yours. Thank you for the grace you give to us and for your love that never lets go of us. We know we do not deserve it, but you choose to hold on to us, even when we let go of you. We come making and renewing promises to you that are hard to keep. We depend on your strength every day. Whether we're adults, youth, or children, help us follow you even when it feels boring or unpopular; even when it involves sacrifice on our part; even when we are tempted to make choices that do not honor you; even when it is easier not to say or show that we belong to you. Forgive us when we feel ashamed of being Christians and we turn our backs on you. Show us how to love you constantly and put you first in our lives. That is what we truly want to do. *(silent confession)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Mason Younger

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

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 831 *I Depend on Your Faithfulness*

Glory to God

(Choir sings once followed by congregation singing twice.)

I depend upon your faithfulness.
I can journey on, for you are always there.
None compares with you, O blessed One;
O how great your faithfulness.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Britton Adair

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

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

Kristi Button

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jacob Christiansen

Luke 9:23-27

²³ Then Jesus said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? ²⁶ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. ²⁷ But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."

SERMON

Losing Our Lives?

Rev. Jan Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

COVENANT COMMITMENTS

Do you, as members of this congregation, reaffirm your intention to guide and nurture these confirmands, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to grow in the knowledge, love, and service of Christ and in faithful church membership?

We do.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed (spoken in three sections)*

Now with the whole church, let us confess our faith:

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our faith:

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Let us confess our faith:

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER

LAYING ON OF HANDS

*HYMN 69

Here I am, Lord! Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

WELCOME

Through their baptisms, Drew, Mason, and Matthew have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. Britton, Elliot, and Alexander have reaffirmed the covenant into which they were baptized. As members of the household of God and of this congregation, God has called them to serve Christ in the world together with us. Let us welcome them to this ministry.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Generosity Cards are available in the pews for offering our thanks, time, talents, and treasures.)

OFFERTORY

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

J. Carter
Chancel Choir

*I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back.
Though none go with me, I still will follow.
The world behind me, the cross before me.
No turning back; no turning back.*

*He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.*

*RESPONSE 743

O God, You Are My God

Glory To God

**O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Drew Parker

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 697

Take My Life (verses 1-3, 6)

Glory to God

*(Gifts brought at this time are given to Cooperative Emergency Outreach,
meeting the emergency needs of individuals in our community.)*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

L. Larson

And in that light of life I'll walk 'till trav'ling days are done.

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

(As we leave, we are called to be God's light in the world.)

POSTLUDE

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Flor Peeters

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