

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Please stand as you are able.

March 17, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Disconsolate

J. Bert Carlson
Jeannie Lee, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Rev. Jan Butin

RINGING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Nathan Byars
Owen Carter

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 *(from Psalm 25)*

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore God instructs sinners in the way.
The Lord leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble God's way.
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep God's covenant and follow Jesus.

*HYMN 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said
(Tune: O Waly, Waly)

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Rebecca Haden

God of grace,
forgive us when our desire for peace conceals our lack of conviction.
Forgive us when we allow other loyalties to displace you as our highest priority.
Forgive us when we find ourselves pleasing others instead of pleasing you.
Strengthen us. Support us. Grant us courage to stand firm.
May we learn to walk in your way—the way of the cross.
Lead us step by step, that we might follow you, and put you first,
all of our days. *(silent prayer)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 743

O God, You are My God (sing twice)

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

Margaret Bridges
Mary Kate Bridges

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. Jan Butin

ANTHEM

Maya's Prayer for Peace

T. Trenney
Chancel Choir

Father, Mother God,
Thank you for your presence
during the hard and mean days.
For then we have you to lean upon.

Thank you for your presence
during the bright and sunny days,
for then we can share that which we have
with those who have less.

And thank you for your presence
during the Holy Days, for then we are able
to celebrate you and our families
and our friends.

For those who have no voice,
we ask you to speak.

For those who feel unworthy,
we ask you to pour your love out
in waterfalls of tenderness.

For those who live in pain,
we ask you to bathe them
in the river of your healing.
For those who are lonely, we ask
you to keep them company.

For those who are depressed,
we ask you to shower upon them
the light of hope.

Dear Creator, You, the borderless
sea of substance, we ask you to give all the
world that which we need most -- Peace.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 10:34-39

³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 12:46-50

⁴⁶ While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷ Someone told him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." ⁴⁸ But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹ And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

Improvisation: Who is My Mother, Who is My Brother?

J. Lee

***RESPONSE 2220**

We Are God's People (verse 3)

Sing the Faith

We are the body of which the Lord is Head
called to obey Christ now risen from the dead.
God wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God
and so shall God's work on earth be done.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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 2225

Who is My Mother, Who is My Brother?

Sing the Faith

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
And in that light of life I'll walk 'till trav'ling days are done.*

L. Larson

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

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

POSTLUDE

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Flor Peeters

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