

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Please stand as you are able.

March 31, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Beverly A. Ward
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

Owen Carter
Evan Blanz

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

Harper Werner

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.
We come to worship God who loves us and sets us free.

*HYMN 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Brett Torbett

Loving God, in this Lenten time of self-examination and repentance, we see who we are before you and we acknowledge our need for your strength in our weakness. We are not always the people you call us to be nor have we done all you call us to do. In your mercy, forgive us, and lend us a new start each day. You love us with immeasurable love. Like Mary who bowed down and washed Jesus' feet with her hair, may our love be lavishly poured out for you. May our lives reflect generosity to any who are needy among us. May we see them, and in seeing them, may we see You. May we find you in the lives of the poor. May we honor you by honoring those in need. Make us a fragrant gift to others. In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. *(silent confession)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 70

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Glory to God

(Please follow music leaders by font, table, and pulpit sections.)

Pulpit: What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

Table: Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

Font: To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

⁷ If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. ⁸ You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. ⁹ Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt. ¹⁰ Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹ Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

John 12:1-8

¹² Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

SERMON

The Beautiful Thing

Rev. Jan Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Glory to God

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Be Our Bread

W.L. Wold
Chancel Choir

*Giving Jesus, be our bread at this table you have spread;
Now and in the years ahead, eat with us and be our bread.*

*Healing Jesus, be our wine; in your cup is grace divine.
Every time and place we dine, drink with us, and be our wine.*

*Saving Jesus, be our joy; all our sinfulness destroy,
All our energy employ. Laugh with us and be our joy.*

*Loving Jesus, be our peace; may your presence never cease;
Make our thankfulness increase. Stay with us and be our peace.*

*RESPONSE 606

Doxology

Glory to God

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Come to the bread of life, all who hunger for love.

Come to the living water, all who thirst for righteousness.

Come to the shelter of God, all who face danger and persecution.

Come to the shade of Christ's love, all who suffer sorrow and grief.

Come to the Lamb of God, all who need mercy and grace.

**Come to the table of love, all who yearn for the abundant gifts of God,
offered in Christ and the Holy Spirit.**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

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

We give thanks and praise to you, O Bread of Life!

(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!

In the fullness of time, you came to us in the presence of Jesus Christ....
Great is the mystery of faith:
(Hymn 560) **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Grant us your grace and shower your Spirit upon these gifts.....
(Hymn 561) **Amen, amen, amen.**

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BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

(Gluten-free elements are available at the center station.)

COMMUNION HYMN 521

In Remembrance of Me

Glory to God

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as 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 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (verses 1, 3, 4)

Glory to God

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE 747**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Glory to God

*The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live
The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do
what were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.*

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

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

POSTLUDE

O Bread of Life from Heaven

G. Winston Cassler

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