

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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\*Please stand as you are able.

May 5, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

*Graduation Fantasy*

arr. Lee  
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 McClintock and Hayden Werner

### INTROIT

*To God Be the Glory (refrain)*

*Glory to God*  
Chancel Choir

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory great things He has done!*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Olsen

We were dead through the trespasses and sins in which we once lived,  
**but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us  
made us alive together with Christ.**

By grace we have been saved.

**This is not our own doing; it is the gift of God,**  
not the result of works, so that no one may boast.  
**Praise be to God for God's indescribable gift!**

### \*HYMN 634

*To God Be the Glory*

*Glory to God*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated)*

James Price

We serve a risen Savior yet live as if in chains. Forgive us, Lord that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life. Forgive us that we fail to show through word and action the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross. Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us from achieving our full potential. Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us, that your name might be glorified through our lives. **Amen.**

God of resurrection  
of life and death  
rebirth

**Renew our hearts and minds**

God of promise  
of all beginnings  
and all endings

**Renew our hearts and minds**

God of hope  
of new growth  
and harvest

**Renew our hearts and minds**

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 452 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Glory to God*

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;**

**I want to see you; I want to see you;**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;**

**I want to see you; I want to see you;**

**To see you high and lifted up**

**Shining in the light of your glory.**

**Pour out your power and love**

**As we sing "Holy, holy, holy"**

**Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.**

**Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Kennedy Carroll

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**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

Jacob Christiansen

## ANTHEM

*Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

W.H. Havergal

Chancel Choir

*Christ whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;  
sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Day-spring from on high, near; Day-star, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the days return till thy mercy's beams I see;  
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.*

*Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fills me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Act 9:1-22

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." 11 The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight,

and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; 16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." 17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul Preaches in Damascus for several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." 21 All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" 22 Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

## SERMON

*A Sudden Change in Direction*

Brianne Christiansen

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news**

**which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast:**

**that Christ died for our sins according to the scripture,**

**that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,**

**and then that he appeared first to the women,**

**then to Peter, and to the Twelve,**

**and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

**Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;**

**he is our Lord and our God. Amen**

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### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

### OFFERTORY

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. C. Tornquist

### \*RESPONSE 452

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## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **CELEBRATION OF THE GRADUATES**

Nancy Mays and Jane Steinkraus

And now we pray together this blessing on them from Numbers 6:

**The Lord bless you and keep you;**

**the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;**

**the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.**

In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, Amen.

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 319**

*Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing*

*Glory to God*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*CHORAL RESPONSE 634**

*To God Be the Glory*

*Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,*

*And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,*

*But purer and higher and greater will be*

*Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.*

### **CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

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

### **POSTLUDE**

*Shout to the North*

arr. C. Tornquist