



# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Phil Butin

### OPENING PRAYER

**Our Loving God, each week, your people gather to worship, sing, and pray. We come for many reasons: to praise and thank you for our blessings, to hear and study your Word and to be shaped by it, to give children hope and direction, to find a place of love and acceptance, to experience your love and healing, and to live out your call in our lives. As we move into a new season, may we come to know you better, be restored by worship, and find new ways to tell others about you and how you are at work in our lives. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

### PRELUDE

“The Peace Will Be Exchanged” from *Rubrics*  
Music by Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Carol Nave, organ

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Written by Joanie Thurman Williams, and posted on *Consider Your Call*) Livvy McClung and Sophie McClung

Gentle and patient. Careful and persistent. In grieving and in praise. Through dawn and midday.

**God, you are calling.**

In a small still voice and in power. Spontaneous and prepared. Willing or protected.

**God, you are calling.**

Our God is eager to share with us, wherever we are in our journey. May we be diligent to listen.

**God, you are calling.**

### \*HYMN 2128

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Sing the Faith

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage where we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.**

**In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for hearts to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ross Ferguson and Solomon Ferguson

(based on materials by Peter K. Perry and posted on Richard Fairchild's Kirshalom website)

Loving God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life,  
**touch us today.**

God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits, our spirits of confusion, our spirits of despair, our spirits of doubt and uncertainty  
**reassure us today.**

Forgiving God, whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace,  
**place your mercy in our souls today.**

You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned, who bring justice in the midst of oppression and strength in the midst of our weakness,  
**pour out your spirit of power upon us today.**

Open our hearts to new faithfulness, redirect our waywardness,  
**and hold us gently in your goodness.**

We confess our need to you, and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope, and filled with faith.

**We remember the promises you have made to us.**

May your name be glorified in us and through us.

**We ask it through Christ Jesus, your only begotten Son. (silent confession) Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

### \*RESPONSE 414

*Be Still and Know (sing twice)*  
Words and Music by John Bell (words based on Psalm 46:10)

Glory to God

**Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.**

### \*THE PEACE

Mason Blanz and Amy Blanz

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

### CHILDREN'S SONG 2233

*Where Children Belong*  
Words and Music by James Ritchie

Sing the Faith

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.**

### TIME FOR CHILDREN

Kristi Button

### ANTHEM

*Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child*  
Traditional Spiritual; Arranged by Moses Hogan

Paige DeJarnett, alto

[Note: This spiritual uses traditional dialect from the slave era. For example, the word "Child" is rendered as "Chile" and "Almost" is "Almos'"]

*Sometimes I feel like a motherless chile, sometimes I feel like a motherless chile,  
Sometimes I feel like a motherless chile, a long ways from home, a long ways from home.  
Sometimes I feel like I'm almos' gone, sometimes I feel like I'm almos' gone,  
Sometimes I feel like I'm almos' gone, a long ways, a long ways, a long ways from home.*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Phil Butin

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:16-45

**16** As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. **17** And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." **18** And immediately they left their nets and followed him. **19** As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. **20** Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. **21** They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. **22** They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. **23** Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, **24** and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." **25** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" **26** And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. **27** They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." **29** As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. **30** Now Simon's

mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. **31** He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. **32** That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. **33** And the whole city was gathered around the door. **35** In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. **36** And Simon and his companions hunted for him. **37** When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." **38** He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." **40** A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." **41** Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" **42** Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. **43** He sent him away at once, **44** saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone." Then, the text resumes, as you've already printed, at verse **45** But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(A Declaration of Faith)*

Jesus drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD****OFFERTORY**

*Reflection on "Now the Silence"*

Music by Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

**\*RESPONSE 721**

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Words and Music by Cešareo Gabarain

Glory to God

**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly. O lord, with your eyes you have searched me.  
and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You know also well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor. O lord, with your eyes you have searched me.  
and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

God in your grace, **you hear our 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 726**

*Will You Come and Follow Me?*

Words by John Bell and Graham Maule; Music: Scottish Melody

Glory to God

**"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

**BENEDICTION**  
**RESPONSE 795**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

Glory to God

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow;  
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Andante Tranquillo” from Sonata III*  
Music by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

