



# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 22, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

## Prelude

*Nun danket alle Gott*

Carol Nave, organ

Music by George Friedrich Kaufmann (1679 – 1735)

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.

**The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.**

And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as we have been afflicted,  
and as many years as we have seen evil.

**Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands--

**O prosper the work of our hands!**

We will give thanks to you, LORD, with our whole hearts;  
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

## Hymn

*Now Thank We All Our God*

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

## Prayer of Confession

Ben and Megan Ober

**God of light, you sent your Son Jesus into our time and space to be the light of the world. After his resurrection, by your Spirit, you called us to be the light of the world as his body; his ongoing presence. But we confess that too often, we have looked to our own interests more than to the interests and needs of others. We have allowed the light in us to become darkness. God of grace, forgive us. Turn us outward, that we might reflect your light to the world both on and off this hill that we love. May our light so shine among our neighbors and throughout our community, that they will see the good works you do in and through us, and give you all the honor and glory through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

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

## The Peace

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

## Hearing the Word

Matthew 5:14-16

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

## Engaging with the Word

*Called to Be a Light on the Hill*

## Offertory

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Scott Montgomery, organ

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by John Darwell

## Offering

## Prayers of the People

## Hymn

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

**[Refrain] Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.**

**[Refrain]**

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.**

**[Refrain]**

## Benediction

- Revs. Phil and Jan Butin • Isaac Thomas, Music Minister • Carol Nave, Organist •
- Christopher Verdery, Audio-Visual Coordinator •