



# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jan Butin

### OPENING PRAYER

**O God, today as we hear your word, may we be moved by your Spirit from hearing and talking, to doing and loving. Broaden our awareness of our neighbors, that we might attend to the needs of those in our world who need your mercy. Amen.**

### PRELUDE

*Tune in E*  
Music by George Thalben Ball

Carol Nave, organist

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from the Heidelberg Catechism and Psalm 5)

Isaac Thomas and Brianne Christiansen

What does it mean to love God?

**It means to rightly know the true God,  
to trust him alone,  
to look to God for every good thing humbly and patiently,  
to love, fear, and honor God with all our hearts,  
and to give up anything rather than go against God's will in any way.**

What does it mean to love our neighbors?

**God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them,  
to protect them from harm as much as we can,  
and to do good even to our enemies.**

Gracious God, through the abundance of your steadfast love,

We enter your presence.

We bow down in awe of you.

**Lead us, O LORD, in your righteousness;  
make your way straight before us!**

### \*HYMN 771

*What is the World Like*

Glory to God

Words by Adam M. L. Tice; Music by Sally Ann Morris

**What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:  
Roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.**

**What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Witness the wandering child coming home;  
Watch as the parent breaks into a run.  
This is how God longs for us when we roam.**

**What is the world like when God's will is done?  
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;  
Peace thrives in places where once there was none.  
This is how God works when rivalries end.**

**These are the stories that Jesus imparts,  
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.  
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,  
this is a new world where God's will is done.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jacob Christiansen

Almighty God,  
you love us, but we have not loved you.  
You call, but we have not listened.  
We walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace,  
help us to admit our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

### \*RESPONSE 62

*Love the Lord Your God* (sing twice)  
Words and Music by Jean and Jim Strathdee

Glory to God

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart.  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.  
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.**

### \*THE PEACE

Harper Werner

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

## CHILDREN'S SONG

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*  
Traditional; Lyrics adapted

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
All together in God's light, they are precious in God's sight.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

Brianne Christiansen

### ANTHEM

*Song of the Wanderer*  
Words by Johanna Anderson; Music by Dan Forrest

Emily Jackson, soprano

*The barren land around me lies, my flame is burning low;  
Cold and pale the winter skies, and I am far from home.  
With my light that burns so dim, am I visible to Him?  
Does He hear the fragile song of creatures here below?  
He wakes the lark and bids her fly to greet the coming spring,  
Wakes our hearts and bids us rise then gives our spirits wing.  
He speaks, and winter melts away, hears us when we come to pray,  
Turns our nighttime into day – our Light, our Life, our King.  
Glorious joy of summer sun, the gentle healing rain,  
Banishing our tears and sighs, with beauty for our pain.  
Earth and sky, lay glory by – Christ, the Lord, is drawing nigh!  
All creation, bow to Him from whom all blessings flow!  
Blows the wind, and soon will come the autumn of the year  
With its golden light of love still shining ever clear.  
From the rising of the sun, to the place where day is done,  
Peace on earth has now begun to cast away our fear.  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Phil Butin

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25—37

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the

other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

## SERMON

*Who is My Neighbor?*

Rev. Phil Butin

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### STORIES OF FAITH

Carol Nave

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

### INTRODUCTION OF THOSE SERVING IN ORDERED MINISTRIES

### AFFIRMATION OF OUR COMMON MINISTRY

There are different gifts,

**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God.

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works in different people in different ways.

**But it is the same God who achieves the divine purpose through all.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**To use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

**And individually members of him.**

Though we have different gifts... let him or her be the slave of everyone.

**Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.**

### ORDINATION QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of this church, accept these partners in our common ministry as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God's Spirit through the voice of this congregation to lead us and serve among us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, to follow as they guide us, and to honor and support their service, as together we all serve Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church?

**We do.**

### PRAYER FOR ORDINATION

You are now elders and deacons in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation.

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

### OFFERTORY

*Meditation on Mercy*

Carol Nave, organist

### \*RESPONSE 749

*Come, Live in the Light*  
Words and Music by David Haas

Glory to God

**Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.**

**We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Brianne Christiansen

### 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 203

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*  
Words by Tom Colvin; Ghanaian Folk Melody

Glory to God

**[Refrain] Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;  
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.  
Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;  
Neighbors are near us and far away. [Refrain]**

**These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;  
All these are neighbors to us and you.  
Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet;  
This is the way we should live like you. [Refrain]**

## BENEDICTION

### RESPONSE 744

*Arise, Your Light Is Come*  
Words by Mary Louise Bringle Music Arranged by Jorge Lockward

Glory to God

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

## POSTLUDE

*Blessed Be The Tie That Binds*  
Music by Wayne Wold

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