FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 2, 2022 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Phil Butin

Please sign the Welcome Pad and pass it on to your neighbor. We are glad you chose to worship with us today!

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDEHumble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

Isaac Thomas, piano

Music by Bob Hudson; Arranged by Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 86)

From north and south and east and west, all creation sings your praises!
The mountains and hills burst into song; the trees of the field clap their hands.
Your steadfast love never ceases. With joy and peace, we worship together.

*HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Glory to God

Words by Isaac Watts; Stanza 2: A Pocket Hymn Book; Music: Geistliche Kirchengesang

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia! In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (congregation seated; unison)

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, and conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see each other as siblings in Christ. Renew us that we might share in bringing about the peaceable kingdom. Amen. (silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*RESPONSE 595

Holy, Holy, Holy (sing English first, then Spanish)
Santo, Santo

Glory to God

Traditional Argentinian Song

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te-adora! Mi corazón te sabe, decir: ¡Santo eres, Señor!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you! And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SONG 26

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (verse 1 and 6)

African-American Spiritual

Glory to God

He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands. He's got everybody here in his hands. He's got everybody here in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

TIME FOR CHILDREN Kristi Button

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-13

55 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶ "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you

shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

SERMON

The World as Well as We Can Imagine It

Rev. Jan Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand on God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Music by Helen H. Lemmel; Arranged by Michael W. Smith

Isaac Thomas, piano

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

ANTHEM

Words and Music by Rob Hawkins, Jeremy McCoy, and Fred Williams
I. Instrumental (abridged) Cole Birmingham, baritone
II. Vocal solo Isaac Thomas, piano

You Are Good

Some would say that You cannot be found, and some would say that You are far away, but I know You're the God who lives in me and I know You will always have my heart.

'Cause You are good, and Your love endures forever. You are good and Your love endures forever.

You are good and Your love endures forever. You are good. You are good.

You are the only One. You are the One that I desire. You are the only One, my King!

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'Cause You are good, and Your love endures forever. You are good and Your love endures forever.

You are good and Your love endures forever. You are good. You are good.

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GREAT 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 80 You Shall Go Out with Joy

Glory to God

Words by Steffi Geiser Rubin; Music by Stuart Dauermann

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;

there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hand; the trees of the field will clap their hands;

the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

*BENEDICTION

Our worship continues through the Postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly. Otherwise, please remain seated.

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