



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 14, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

(Please use this time to prepare reflectively for worship.)

RINGING OF THE BELL

Bo Morton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jan Butin

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Holy Manna

Marshall Jones, organ

Music attributed to William Moore; Arranged by Donald Hustad

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalms 8)

Hayden Werner

We begin together.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established, what are human beings that you are mindful of us, mortals that you care for us?

Yet you have made us a little lower than divine, and crowned us with glory and honor.

You have given us responsibility over the works of your hands.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***HYMN 22** (verses 1, 3, 4, 6)

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

Glory to God

Words by Jaroslav J. Vajda; Music by GIA Publications, Inc

**God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
how does the creature say Awe how does the creature say Praise?**

**God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
how does the creature say Grace how does the creature say Thanks?**

**God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal
how does the creature say Care how does the creature say Life?**

**God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart
how do your children say Joy how do your children say Home?**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (seated, unison)

Lorraine Brewer

Sovereign Creator, you have made us in your image, to reflect your glory, love, and goodness to the world. You have charged us with the responsibility of caring for your whole creation; loving and serving you above all. But we confess that again and again, we have put ourselves and our own interests above your created purpose for us, tarnishing your image and misrepresenting you to those around us. Forgive us, God of mercy and grace. Renew your image in us according to the pattern of your Son, our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who was and is the perfect reflection of your glory and the exact imprint of your very being. By your Holy Spirit, may he live in and through us, that those who don't yet know and serve you might come to honor you as you deserve. Amen. *(silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

***RESPONSE 695**

Change My Heart, O God

Glory to God

Words and Music by Eddie Espinosa

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Hendrix Oxner

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

CHILDREN'S SONG (verse 1)

God of Great and God of Small
Words and Music by Natalie Sleeth

Glory to God

**God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of strong,
God to whom all things belong, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Jan Butin

ANTHEM

You'll Be There
Words and Music by Cindy Morgan

Ceci Allen, soloist
Isaac Thomas, piano

You were there when the lightning fell crashing down in the blue night.
You came in like a raging wind all around. Oh, what a sweet light.
And in the darkness, You were there, and in the good times, You were there.
So let me say with a prayer: sweetest Savior who cares, angels dance in the air
and tell us You'll be there.

In the days when the dark and haze gather 'round, oh, You're the rescue.
You breathe again and the sun shines in through the clouds,
oh, how we need You to be near and to be sovereign, giving hope to each tomorrow.
So we say with a prayer: sweetest Savior who cares, angels dance in the air and tell us You'll be there.

Oh, shadow the lightning when we are frightened.
Oh, heavenly light keep shining on me, shining on me, oh, everywhere.
Sweetest Savior who cares, angels dance in the air and tell us You'll be there.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Phil Butin

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:26-28, 31 ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them be responsible for the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and take care of it and be responsible for the fish of the sea and of the birds of the air and of every living thing that moves upon the earth..." ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Ephesians 1:3-6 ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

SERMON

Created in God's Image

Rev. Phil Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

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 of 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Amanda McDonald

OFFERTORY

I Need Thee Every Hour
Music by Robert Lowry; Arranged by Marianne Kim Morgan

Isaac Thomas, piano

*RESPONSE 710

We Lift Our Voices
Words and Music by Dwight Liles

Glory to God

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your grace, **you hear our prayer.**

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 759

O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face
Words by William Chatterton Dix; Music by Conrad Kocher

Glory to God

O God, we bear the imprint of your face: the colors of our skin are your design, and what we have of beauty in our race as man or woman, you alone define, who stretched a living fabric on our frame and gave to each a language and a name.

Where we are torn and pulled apart by hate because our race, our skin is not the same, while we are judged unequal by the state and victims made because we own our name, humanity reduced to little worth, dishonored is your living face on earth.

O God, we share the image of the One whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin; in Christ's humanity we find our own, and in his family our proper kin: Christ is the brother we still crucify, his love the language we must learn, or die.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna
Music attributed to William Moore; Arranged by Wilbur Held

Marshall Jones, organ

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

Service Note

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Participants

Our guest organist today is Marshall Jones, instructor of music theory at the University of Arkansas. We sincerely appreciate his leadership while Hyun Kim is away.

Revs. Phil and Jan Butin, Co-Pastors

Isaac Thomas, Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder

Xiao Yang, Choral Accompanist

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