



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 21, 2024

8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amanda McDonald

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Ubi Caritas (Where true charity is, God is there)
Music by Ola Gjeilo

Isaac Thomas, piano

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

HYMN 415 (verses 1, 3, 4)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Words by Joseph Hart; Music by Walker's Southern Harmony

Glory to God

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

**Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (seated, unison)

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.**

**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.**

ANTHEM

Our Great God

Words and Music by Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell

Jeffrey Kerst, Tenor
Isaac Thomas, piano

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown.
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne.
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

[Refrain] Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee, before our sovereign God. [Refrain]

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
let every mountain, every field, and valley of the earth.
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe.
Sing praises to the Living God, who rules them by His Word. [Refrain]

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Phil Butin

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 3:1-13

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. ⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate.

Ephesians 2:1-3

¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh.

SERMON

Fallen from 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

Kristi Button

OFFERTORY

Oh How He Loves You and Me
Music by Kurt Kaiser; Arranged by Mark Hayes

Isaac Thomas, piano

*RESPONSE 432 (verses 1, 4)

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord
Words by Fred Pratt Green; Music by C. Hubert H. Parry

Glory to God

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call to live according to your word
and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.

In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone, in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you: the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored done.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kristi Button

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

John King

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy....
Therefore, we praise you, saying,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of majesty....
Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us...
Send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

(After you receive the bread and juice, please use this time prayerfully and reflectively.)

The gifts of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kristi Button

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 429** (verses 1, 2, 4)

As a Chalice Cast of Gold
Words by Thomas H. Troeger; Music by Carol Doran

Glory to God

**As a chalice cast of gold, burnished, bright and brimmed with wine,
make me, Lord, as fit to hold grace and truth and love divine.
Let my praise and worship start with the cleansing of my heart.**

**Save me from the soothing sin of the empty cultic deed
and the pious, babbling din of the claimed but unlived creed.
Let my actions, Lord, express what my tongue and lips profess.**

**When I dance or chant your praise, when I sing a psalm or hymn,
when I preach your loving ways, let my heart add its Amen.
Let each cherished outward rite thus reflect your inward light.**

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Phil Butin

POSTLUDE

Thy Word
Music by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith;
Arranged by Mark Hayes

Isaac Thomas, piano

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

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Participants

Revs. Phil and Jan Butin, Co-Pastors
John King, Minister/Communion
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