



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 17, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

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

RINGING OF THE BELL WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Bo Morton, Lindley Ramsey
Rev. Jan Butin

PRELUDE

St. Catherine

Marshall Jones, organist

Music by Henri F. Henry; Arranged by Gordon Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP (by Joanne Carlson Brown)

Aiden Thompson

People of God, raise your voices in praise to God.

God takes delight in our presence here.

Come and enter God's house.

We come trusting in the steadfast love of God.

Let us worship the God of love and righteousness.

*HYMN 624 (verses 1, 3, 5)

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Salvation Art

Glory to God

Words by John Calvin; Genevan Psalter 1551

**I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.**

**Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.**

**Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*seated, unison*) (from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

Bo Morton

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. But we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, we give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ. Amen. (*silent confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

***RESPONSE**

O Lord, Your Tenderness
Words and Music by Graham Kendrick

Sing the Faith

**O Lord, your tenderness, melting all my bitterness;
O Lord, I receive your love. O Lord, your loveliness,
changing my unworthiness; O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, I receive your love; O Lord, I receive your love. (*sing twice*)**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Lindley Ramsey

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

CHILDREN'S SONG 188 (verse 1)

Jesus Loves Me!

Glory to God

Words by Anna B. Warner; Music by William B. Bradbury

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Amanda McDonald and Kristi Button

ANTHEM

I am Crucified with Christ
Words Galatians 2:20; Music by David Mugglin

Chancel Choir
Dennis Brewer, Conductor
Xiao Yang, piano

I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live.
I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live.
Yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, it's Christ who lives in me. (repeat)

I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live.
I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live;
and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith.
I live by faith in Him.

I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live.
I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live;
I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me
and gave Himself for me.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jan Butin

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 2:15-21 — We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

SERMON

I Have Been Crucified with Christ

Rev. Jan Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Heidelberg Catechism*)

Kristi Button

By true faith in Jesus Christ, I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Children of the Heavenly Father

Xiao Yang, piano

*RESPONSE 822 (verse 2)

When We Are Living

Glory to God

Words by Roberto Escamilla; Music by Barbara C. Mink

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amanda McDonald

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Glory to God

Words by Paul Gerhardt; Music by Henri Frederick Hemy

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away where-e'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Jan Butin

POSTLUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father

Marshall Jones, organist

Swedish melody; Arranged by Jeffrey Honore

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

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