



# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 21, 2024

Earth Care Sunday

11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

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

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

Bo Morton and Lindley Ramsey

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Jan Butin

**PRELUDE**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
Welsh Melody; Arranged by Matt Limbaugh

Marshall Jones, organ

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 104)

Luis Perez

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all;**

**the earth is full of your creatures.**

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

**when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth.

**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;**

**may the LORD rejoice in his works!**

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

**I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

**\*HYMN 15** (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Glory to God

Words by Francis of Assisi; Music Geistliche Kirchengesäng

**All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear. Sing praises! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way, sing praises! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*seated, unison*)

Lea Millett

Risen Christ, in you all things in heaven and on earth were created. In you, all things hold together. Through you, God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven. At the creation, your world was entrusted to our care so that, in obedience to you and empowered by your Spirit, we might serve all people.

**But we confess that we have fallen short in caring for your creation. Forgive us, gracious God. Inspire us to use the riches of your creation with wisdom, and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all. Trusting in your bounty, may all people flourish in faith and hope, as together we serve one another in love. Amen. (silent confession)**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

#### **\*RESPONSE 48**

*Rain Down*  
Words and Music by Jaime Cortez

Glory to God

**Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.**

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CaraJo Millett and Alison Harrington

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

#### **CHILDREN'S SONG 20 (verse 1)**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
Words by Cecil Frances Alexander; Music English melody

Glory to God

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.**

#### **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Amanda McDonald

#### **ANTHEM**

*Creation Will Be at Peace*  
Words by J. Paul Williams; Music by Anna Laura Page

Chancel Choir  
Xiao Yang, piano

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace. *(repeat verse)*

The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,  
their young will play together; a little child will lead.

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.  
They will war no more, they will war no more; a child will lead them all.

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

#### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Phil Butin

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Colossians 1:15-20** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD****\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *A Declaration of Faith*)

Rev. Jan Butin

We affirm that the universe exists by the power of God's Word and Spirit. God has chosen to give it reality out of the love we have come to know in Christ. God still works through the processes that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it. God made human beings along with all the other creatures and charged us to care for the earth and all that lives on it.

**We acknowledge we share in the interdependence that binds together all God's creation. We hold the earth in trust for future generations of living things. The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth. The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce in ways that make earth's goodness available to all people and reflect God's love for all creatures. God's purpose embraces our choices and will surely be accomplished. The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.**

**MINUTE FOR CREATION CARE**

James Moore

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Rev. Jan Butin

**OFFERTORY**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
Words by Thomas O. Chisholm; Music by William M. Runyan;  
Arranged by Dan Forrest

Cole Jackson, baritone  
Isaac Thomas, piano

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee!  
Thou changeset not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine with ten thousand beside;  
ten thousand beside, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.  
Lord, unto me! Amen.

**\*RESPONSE 19** (verses 1, 2)

*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.**

**God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny, God of never-ending power,  
yet beside me every hour, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Phil Butin

## 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

### LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Jan Butin

### \*HYMN 630 (verses 1, 2, 3)

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Glory to God

Words by Münster Gesangbuch; Music Silesian folk melody

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.**

### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Phil Butin

### POSTLUDE

*Beautiful Savior*

Marshall Jones, organ

Silesian folk tune; Arranged by Gerre Hancock

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

### **Greeters**

Kristi Button  
Jane Steinkraus

### **Participants**

Revs. Phil and Jan Butin, Co-Pastors  
Isaac Thomas, Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder  
Xiao Yang, Choral Accompanist  
Ceci Allen, Cole Jackson, Jeffrey Kerst, Abbey Pennick, Isabelle Pennick, Choral Interns  
Christopher Verdery, Connor Button, and Drew Parker, Audio/Visual Team  
Kristi Button, Director of Christian Education  
Amanda McDonald, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries  
Mindy Mock, Childcare Coordinator  
Amy McCann, Membership Coordinator