



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 5, 2024

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. Phil Butin

PRELUDE

Abide with Me (with Bach's Invention No. 14)
Music by William H. Monk; Arranged by Linda McKechnie

Marshall Jones, organ
Isaac Thomas, piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*, Second Edition)

Ceci Allen

God calls us to worship, and we come, some with laughter and songs of joy.
God calls us to worship, and we come, some from a sense of obligation or habit.
God calls us to worship, and we come, some with hearts heavy with grief.
God calls us to worship, and we come, some with distraction or exhaustion.
God calls us to worship, and we come, some with eagerness and enthusiasm.
God calls us to worship, and we come, some with stress, loneliness, and depression.
As God's dearly loved children, we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope
into this place of Spirit-given grace and love.
Let us worship God!

***HYMN 628**

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord
Words and Music by Claude Frayssé

Glory to God

Praise, we will praise you, Lord, with all our hearts.
O God, we will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Praise, we will praise you, Lord, with all our hearts.
In you we will find the source of all our joy. Alleluia!

Love, we will love you, Lord, with all our hearts.
O God, we will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Love, we will love you, Lord, with all our hearts.
In you we will find the source of all our joy. Alleluia!

Serve, we will serve you, Lord, with all our hearts.
O God, we will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Serve, we will serve you, Lord, with all our hearts.
In you, we will find the source of all our joy. Alleluia!

***HYMN 2150** (verses 1, 3)

In My Life, Be Glorified
Words and Music by Bob Kilpatrick

Sing the Faith

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your church Lord, be glorified today.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*seated, unison*)

Dennis Brewer

Loving God, you invite us to be connected to you by our love and actions. We need your pruning from all that stands in the way of loving you and others, from everything that pulls our attention and energy away from serving you. Lend us your Spirit and take away our guilt, shame, and complacency. Remove whatever in us crowds out the fruit of the Spirit. Change us and renew us to look like you intend. Nourish us by our reliance on you. By your grace, grow us to bear good fruit in this world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. (*silent confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

***RESPONSE 2167**

More Like You

Sing the Faith

Words and Music by Scott Wesley Brown.

**More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.
More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Lindley Ramsey

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

CHILDREN'S SONG 62

Love the Lord your God

Glory to God

Words and Music by Jean and Jim Strathdee

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Phil Butin

ANTHEM

Abide with Me

Words and Music by Matt Maher, Matt Redman,
Jason Ingram and David Crowder

Choral Interns
Phil Butin, guitar
Isabelle Pennick, cajon
Isaac Thomas, piano

I have a home, eternal home, but for now I walk this broken world.
You walked it first, You know our pain, but You show hope can rise again up from the grave.

Abide with me, abide with me. Don't let me fall and don't let go.
Walk with me and never leave. Ever close God, abide with me.

There in the night, Gethsemane, before the cross, before the nails.
Overwhelmed, alone You prayed. You met us in our suffering and bore our shame.

Oh, love that will not ever let me go. Love that will not ever let me go.
You never let me go. Love that will not ever let me go.

And up ahead, eternity. We'll weep no more, we'll sing for joy. Abide with me.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jan Butin

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:1-11, 16

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide

in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete...¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name."

SERMON

Remain in Me

Rev. Jan Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (based on *The Second Helvetic Confession*, 5.114)

Kristi Button

The apostle Paul writes that faith is effective and active through love (Galatians 5:6).

Faith quiets the conscience and opens free access to God, so that we may draw near to God with confidence and may obtain what is useful and necessary. The same faith keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor... and brings forth good fruit of all kinds.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Excerpt from Beethoven's Piano Sonata, opus 109
Music by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Xiao Yang, piano

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Kristi Button

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND HONORING OUR GRADUATES

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

Amanda McDonald

***HYMN 308** (verses 1, 2)

O God in Whom All Life Begins
Words by Carl P. Daw Jr.; Arranged by Arthur S. Sullivan; English melody

Glory to God

**O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear and grant our faith increase.**

**Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.**

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jan Butin

POSTLUDE

He is Exalted
Music by Twila Paris; Arranged by Wayne Oquin

Isaac Thomas, piano

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

Greeters Ernie and Jo Rothrock

Participants

Revs. Phil and Jan Butin, Co-Pastors

Isaac Thomas, Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder

Xiao Yang, Choral Accompanist

Marshall Jones, Guest Organist

Ceci Allen, Cole Jackson, Jeffrey Kerst, Abby 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

Amy McCann, Membership Coordinator

Mindy Mock, Childcare Coordinator

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