



# FIRST WORSHIP – RELEVANT FAITH FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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9:00 a.m

**WELCOME**

**Stewart Smith**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Lord, we come here with lots of things on our minds.

**People: But now we turn our focus to you.**

Leader: Help us to put aside our schedules and distractions.

**People: Replace our worry with peace.**

Leader: Guide us as we worship.

**People: Give us the ability to sing, pray, and learn more about you God.**

**PRAISE MUSIC:**

**Great Are You Lord**

Words and Music by David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan

**VERSE**

You give life,

You are love,

You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope,

You restore every heart that is broken.

And great are you Lord.

**CHORUS**

It's your breath in our lungs,

so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It's your breath in our lungs,

so we pour out our praise to You only. [repeat verse and chorus]

**BRIDGE**

And all the earth will shout your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,

"Great are you Lord!" [repeat bridge 2x then to chorus]

**Breathe**

Words and Music by Marie Barnett

This is the air I breathe,

this is the air I breathe:

Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread,

this is my daily bread:

Your very Word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for you.

And I, I'm lost without you.

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this is the air I breathe:  
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this is my daily bread:  
Your very Word spoken to me.

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And I, I'm lost without you.  
I'm lost without you  
This is the air I breathe,  
this is the air I breathe.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, it's plain and simple: our thoughts are not your thoughts, and our ways are different from your ways. Try as we may, we are unable to walk in perfect step with you. We put other things first: our social lives, our to-do lists, our addictions, our arrogance. And yet, you give us chance after chance to shape our thoughts and ways around you. Forgive us our misplaced priorities, God. Shape our behavior and our lifestyles by the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus Christ, that we might better follow you. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

#### **SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:38-50**

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, [r] tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**MESSAGE:** *Salty Christians* – Rev. Stewart Smith

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (please stand)      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 at 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.**

## **CALL TO OFFERING**

### **OFFERING SONG:**

#### **Mighty to Save**

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a savior.  
The hope of nations.

Savior, he can move the mountains.  
Our God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.  
Forever, author of salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures.  
And fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in.  
Now, I surrender.

Savior, he can move the mountains.  
Our God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.  
Forever, author of salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light, and the whole world see!  
We're singing for glory of the risen king!

Savior, he can move the mountains.  
Our God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.  
Forever, author of salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

God, in mystery.

**Listen and have mercy.**

#### **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.

## **SONG:**

### **Benediction (As You Go)**

Words and Music by Todd Smith, Jennie Lee Riddle, and Charity Gayle

May the Lord grant you peace.  
May his love shine down, love shine down  
and meet your every need  
and keep your feet from stumbling  
and fix your eyes on the mark, on the prize  
as you go, may you rest in Christ.

Receive his grace to love all men  
in spite of all our differences.  
May your words be filled with life  
that crumbles walls of fear and pride.  
Take up the cross to serve the least and the lost.  
As you go be the hands of God,

He is your strength and your victory, yeah.  
He comes behind you and heals.  
He is the cup and the portion,  
your banner and shield.

So be released.  
Be blessed.  
Be free.  
Live and move as the spirit breathes.  
As you go, go with God, go in peace.

## **LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

#### **Exiting Song & Passing of the Peace:**

*As we sing the final song, we ask that you leave the sanctuary singing together into The Gathering Place.  
We will use this time for fellowship and to pass the Peace of Christ after the service.*

#### **As We Go**

Words and Music by Jeremy Johnson

As we go, may your Spirit go before us.  
As we go, may we follow where you lead.  
May we live what we have learned,  
Share the message we have heard,  
And be a light unto the world as we go.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

### **Interim Senior Pastor**

Rev. Stewart Smith

### **Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder**

Isaac Thomas

### **Director of Christian Education**

Kristi Button

### **Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries**

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### **Membership Coordinator**

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### **Childcare Coordinator**

Lee Pendley

### **Choral Interns**

Ceci Allen

Cole Jackson

Jeffrey Kerst

Isabelle Pennick

Verna Labitad

Will Trotter-Wright

### **First Worship Band**

Rob Button, guitar/vocals

Jeffrey Kerst, acoustic guitar

Isabelle Pennick, percussion

Don Steinkraus, bass guitar

Will Sulliban, percussion

Isaac Thomas, piano/keyboard

### **Audio/Visual Team**

Christopher Verdery, coordinator

Connor Button, audio

Drew Parker, video

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