



# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 26, 2026

EARTH CARE SUNDAY

10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

Bo Morton and Lindley Ramsey

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Stewart Smith

**PRELUDE**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
English Melody

Xiao McCollum, organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Stewart Smith

Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**People: The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

Leader: Then God said, "Let there be light", and there was light.

**People: God saw that the light was good and separated the light from the darkness.**

Leader: Out of all living things, God created humankind in God's own image,  
and gave us dominion and responsibility to be caretakers of the earth.

**People: God saw everything that had been created and called it good.**

Leader: Let us bring our praise to the God who is creator of all that is.

**Unison: Let us worship the living and creating God!**

**\*HYMN #39**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Glory to God

Words by Thomas O. Chisholm; Music by William M. Runyan

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.**

**There is no shadow of turning with thee.**

**Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.**

**As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

[Refrain] **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. [Refrain]**

**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. [Refrain]**

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

Ted Belden

**Gracious and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sins. Although Christ is risen from the grave and has shattered the power of death, we are still held captive by fear and doubt. We have neglected the poor and the hungry and ignored the cries of the oppressed. We pursue profits and pleasures that harm the land and pollute the waters, leaving this world depleted and damaged for future generations.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we and all Your creatures may know the joy of life abundant, given through Christ Jesus, the risen Lord.**

*... (Silent Confession) ... Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## \*RESPONSE #368 (sing twice)

*We Fall Down*  
Words and Music by Chris Tomlin

Glory to God

**We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus:  
the greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.  
And we cry holy, holy, holy. And we cry holy, holy, holy.  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

Kristi Button

## CHILDREN'S SONG (vv. 1, 2, 6)

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*  
African American Spiritual

Use bulletin or screens

**He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.  
He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.  
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands. He's got the wind and the rain in His hands.  
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.  
He's got everybody here in His hands. He's got everybody here in His hands.  
He's got everybody here in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.**

## ANTHEM

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Words by William Williams; Music by John Hughes  
Arranged by Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir  
SungKun Jung, piano  
Xiao McCollum, organ

Guide Me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.  
Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield.  
When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Stewart Smith

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD****PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS****OFFERTORY**

*How Great Thou Art*  
Swedish Folk Melody; Arranged by Youngmin Choi

SungKun Jung, piano

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Amanda McDonald

**\*RESPONSE #14 (vv. 1, 2)**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Words and Music: Anonymous

Glory to God

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Amanda McDonald

God, in your grace.  
You hear our prayers.

**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**

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Rev. Stewart Smith

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Earth Care Task Force

**\*HYMN**

*Indescribable*  
Words and Music by Laura Story and Jesse Reeves

Use bulletins or screens

**From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
creation's revealing Your majesty;**

**From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring.  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings.**

**All exclaiming:**

[Refrain] **Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky, and You know them by name;  
You are amazing, God.**

**All powerful, untamable,  
awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim,  
"You are amazing, God!"**

**Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go.  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?**

**Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?**

**None can fathom: [Refrain]**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Stewart Smith

*The sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Pamela Andersen.*

## **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 Adults Ministries** – Amanda McDonald

**Audio/Visual Team** – Christopher Verdery, Connor Button, and Drew Parker

**Choral Interns** – Amelia Booker, Cole Jackson, Jeffrey Kerst, Verna Labitad, Aiden Thompson

**Worship Band** – Nina Andrews (drums), Rob Button (guitar), Dennis Brewer (guitar), Jeffrey Kerst (bass)

**Organist** – Xiao McCollum

**Pianist/Choral Accompanist** – SungKun Jung

**Membership Coordinator** – Amy McCann

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