



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 3, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

Bo Morton and Lindley Ramsey

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Stewart Smith

PRELUDE

Stille der Andacht (Silence of Devotion)
Music by Friedrich Schneider (1781-1853)

Xiao McCollum, organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Stewart Smith

Leader: In beauty and mystery,

People: We see the face of God.

Leader: In the common and the ordinary,

People: We know the love of Christ.

Leader: In the bread and the cup,

People: We taste the presence of God.

Leader: In the Word, read and proclaimed,

People: We hear the voice of God.

Leader: In the song and in the fellowship of community,

People: We share the joy of faith.

Unison: In faith, let us worship the living and loving God!

***HYMN #463 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)**

How Firm a Foundation

Glory to God

Word from John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns, 1787*; American Folk Melody

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*seated, unison*)

Tom King

Loving God, You who hold us so gently, teach us the art of letting go of anything that keeps us from Your embrace. We grab and clutch things that are often only a passing fad. We go after success and recognition as if they will fill our deepest longings. We saddle relationships with unrealistic and unfair expectations. Loving God, lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude, a growing sense of trust in Your ability to provide. Teach us what treasures will last until heaven. Show us the blessings of giving with joy, loving without conditions, and sharing from our abundance. ... (*Silent Confession*) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*RESPONSE #697 (vv. 1, 4)

Take My Life and Let it Be

Glory to God

Words by Frances R. Havergal, 1873; Music by H. A. César Milan, 1827

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Kristi Button

ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus
Traditional Latin Text

Chancel Choir
SungKun Jung, piano

Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Arranged by Russell Robinson

Latin Text

Ave verum corpus
natum de Maria virgine.
Vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
Cujus latus perforatum,
unda fluxit et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

English Translation

Hail, true body
born of the virgin Mary.
Having suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for humankind:
from whose pierced side
flowed water and blood:
be for us the prelude (foretaste)
in the trial (test) of death.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

SERMON

How Much is Enough?

Rev. Stewart Smith

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

I'd Rather Have Jesus
Music by Rhea Miller and George Beverly Shea; Arranged by Mark Hayes

SungKun Jung, piano

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Rev. Stewart Smith

COMMUNION 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.**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

There will be three communion stations at the front. The bread is gluten-free, and the cup contains grape juice. Communion will be received by intinction. After receiving the elements, please use this time for prayer and reflection. If you are unable to come forward, you may be served in your pew.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

How Beautiful
Words and Music by Twila Paris

Jenna Scott, soprano
Isaac Thomas, piano

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never desire.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice: that we will live just as He died,
willing to pay the price...willing to pay the price.
How beautiful the radiant Bride who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Stewart Smith

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

A Special CEO Offering will be taken at this time by those who wish to contribute.

***HYMN**

Go Now in Peace
Words and Music by Natalie Sleeth

Use bulletin or screens

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.**
[repeat song]

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Stewart Smith

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

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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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