



# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 5, 2026

10:30 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. Stewart Smith

### PRELUDE

*Prelude on Materna*  
Music by Samuel A. Ward (1848-1903)

Xiao McCollum, organ

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Stewart Smith

Leader: Are any among us weary? Are any carrying heavy burdens?

**People: Here is a place of rest. Here we encounter Christ's healing and grace.**

Leader: Are any among us frantic and scattered, breathless in our busy-ness?

**People: Here is a place of deep peace. In our worship we meet the unhurried God.**

Leader: Are any among us feeling brittle and broken, thirsty for the gospel?

**People: Here we encounter Jesus, the living water – tranquil and ever present.**

Leader: Are any among us feeling hollow and empty, hungry for meaning and truth?

**People: Here we encounter Christ, the bread of life - nourishment for the journey.**

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

### \*HYMN #340

*This is My Song*

Glory to God

Words by Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness; Music by Jean Sibelius, 1899

**This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.**

**This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.**

**But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.**

**So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.**

**Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.**

**So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

### \*PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Leader: Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will.

**People: Bless our land with honest industry, sound learning, and an honorable way of life.**

Leader: Forgive us our shortcomings as a nation.

**People: Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.**

Leader: We give thanks for those whose dream of freedom and equality inspired our nation.

**People: We give thanks for those whose courage and sacrifice preserved this country in times of danger and indifference.**

Leader: We give thanks for those who have given their very lives, making the supreme sacrifice on behalf of the land they loved.

**People: Continue to work through government leaders, ordinary citizens, and Your Church to work for liberty and justice for all people.**

Leader: When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful.

**People: In troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail.**

**Unison: We thank You for our blessings, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

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

Greg Merrell

Holy God, we confess to You and to one another that we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made or the circumstances we face. At various points in our lives, we experience hardness of heart, poverty of spirit and weariness in our souls. Often, we have resisted Your grace, depending instead on our own virtues. Often, we have rejected Your commandments, following instead the desires of our own hearts. We often live at a distance from the life-giving mercy that would renew us. Hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken. Draw near to us and grant us the peace of communion with You and all of Your people. ... (*Silent Confession*) ... Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**\*RESPONSE #702**

*Christ Be Beside Me*

Glory to God

Words by James Quinn; Traditional Gaelic Melody

**Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.  
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.  
Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**CHILDREN'S SONG #2233**

*Where Children Belong*

Sing the Faith

Words and Music by James Richie

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.  
[Repeat Song]**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Kristi Button

**ANTHEM**

*Lord of Eternity*

Cole Jackson, baritone

Words and Music by Fernando Ortega and John Andrew Schreiner

Isaac Thomas, piano

Blessed is the man who walks in your favor, who loves all your words and hides them like treasure.  
In the darkest place of his desperate heart, they are a light, a strong, sure light.

Sometimes I call out your name, but I cannot find you. I look for your face, but you are not there.  
By my sorrows, Lord, lift me to you, lift me up to your side.

Lord of eternity, Father of mercy, look on my fainting soul.  
Keeper of all the stars, friend of the poorest heart, touch me and make me whole.

If you are my defender, who is against me? No one can trouble or harm me if you are my strength.  
All I ask, all I desire, is to live in your house all my days.

Lord of eternity, God of all mercy, come to my troubled soul.  
Keeper of all the stars, friend of the poorest heart, touch me and make me whole.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Matthew 11:16-19,25-30*

<sup>16</sup> "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, '<sup>17</sup> We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'  
<sup>18</sup> "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

SERMON

*Yoked with Christ*

Rev. Stewart Smith

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*He Hideth My Soul*  
Music by William J. Kirkpatrick; Arranged by Rafael Griffin

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** bread. The cup is filled with grape juice. We will be taking communion fully by intinction. (After you receive the elements, please use this time prayerfully and reflectively.) If it is inconvenient for you to come forward, you can be served in your pew.*

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

SungKun Jung, piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*There will be a Special Offering for CEO taken for those who wish to contribute.*

Rev. Stewart Smith

\*HYMN #338

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*  
Words by Katharine Lee Bates, 1893; Music by Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882

Glory to God

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!**

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!**

**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, Verna Labitad, Aiden Thompson, Will Trotter-Wright

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

**Organist** – Xiao McCollum

**Pianist/Choral Accompanist** – SungKun Jung

**Membership Coordinator** – Amy McCann

**Childcare Coordinator** – Mina Smith

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