



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 20, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

Bo Morton and Lindley Ramsey

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Stewart Smith

PRELUDE

Sunny Day
Music by Esther Megargel

SungKun Jung, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come together in the spirit of the One who unites us all;

People: In the spirit of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us remember that we are God's chosen people;

People: Chosen to be God's servants in the world.

Leader: We gather because of our common need for renewal.

People: Let us offer acceptable worship to God who renews us for service.

Unison: Let us sing praises as we worship our living and loving God!

*HYMN #39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Glory to God

Words by Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Music by William M. Runyan, 1923

**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*)

Mark Power

God of love and mercy, You have given us so much grace. Yet, we confess our tendency to grumble and complain. We are envious of what others have. We become jealous when others seem to receive more than what we have or more than what they deserve. We confess that we readily join the world in deciding what and who is worthy of reward or censure, for that way we know where we stand.

Forgive us Lord, for our graceless, judgmental attitudes. Forgive our selfish unloving ways. And forgive us for doubting that Your grace can extend to all people and all situations. ... (*Silent Confession*) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE #544**

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Glory to God

Words by The Taizé Community, France, 1984; Music by Jacques Berthier, 1984

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

[repeat song]

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also, with you.

CHILDREN'S SONG #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Glory to God

Traditional Caribbean Song

Hal-le, Hal-le, Hallelujah! Hal-le, Hal-le, Hallelujah!

Hal-le, Hal-le, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Stewart Smith

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Chancel Choir

Words by Robert Robinson, 1758; Music by John Wyeth, 1813

SungKun Jung, piano

Setting by Craig Courtney, 1988

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.

³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

SERMON

The Gift Everyone Should Receive

Rev. Stewart Smith

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Love of God
Music by Frederick M. Lehman Marianne Kim

SungKun Jung, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RESPONSE #697 (verse 1)

Take My Life and Let it Be
Words by Frances R. Havergal, 1874; Music by H. A. César Malan, 1827

Glory to God

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your grace.
You hear our prayers.

Kristi Button

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

RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT FOR AMY ROSETTI

Michelle Price

*HYMN #726 (verses 1, 5)

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)
Words by John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
Music: Scottish Melody

Glory to God

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus, I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and vote on extending a call and approving the terms of call for their candidate to be the next pastor of First United Presbyterian Church. An additional item of business will be to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

PARTICIPANTS

Interim Senior Pastor – Rev. Stewart Smith

Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder – Isaac Thomas

Guest Choral Conductor – Katie Jackson

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, Verna Labitad, Aiden Thompson, Will Trotter-Wright, Dustin Warner

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

Organist/Choral Accompanist – SungKun Jung

Membership Coordinator – Amy McCann

Childcare Coordinator – Minah Smith

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