



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 4, 2026

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

Diademata

Music by George Elvey; Arranged by Gordon Young

SungKun Jung, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Stewart Smith

Leader: All around the world,

People: People rise to greet the morning and sing praise to the Creator.

Leader: All over the earth,

People: People hold hands around a table and offer thanks.

Leader: All around the globe,

People: Some cry for food, some are filled with laughter, all search for truth.

Leader: All around the world,

People: Hearts hear a sacred melody and yearn for peace.

Leader: Throughout this day, across many lands,

People: Sisters and brothers touch the bread of life and drink the cup of joy.

Leader: All around the world,

People: People sing and we join the unending chorus of praise.

Unison: Let us sing praise and worship the living and loving God!

*HYMN #41 (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Words by Robert Grant, 1833; Music by Joseph M. Kraus, 1784

Glory to God

O worship the King, all glorious above!

**O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.**

**Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*seated, unison*)

Roger Koeppe

We come as sinners to the gospel feast, O God. And yet, we come with hesitation and ambivalence. If we have rejected Your invitation, forgive us. If we have resisted Your embrace, have mercy on us. If we have wandered from Your purpose, grant us Your peace. Your greatest desire is that we taste the riches of Your grace. Draw us into a deeper communion with You and with Your people across this planet.... (*Silent Confession*) ... **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

***RESPONSE #306** (verses 1, 2)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Glory to God

Words by John Fawcett, 1782: Music by Johann G. Nägeli, 1828

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our tears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

***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, 1999

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Kristi Button

ANTHEM

A Communion Invitation

Chancel Choir

Words by Joseph M. Martin, 2009

SungKun Jung, piano

Music by Heather Sorenson, 2009

In this holy moment, in this sacred place,
silence every worldly thought, contemplate the gift of grace.
The bread of life is broken, the wine of mercy poured.
Come and see the goodness, the goodness of the Lord.
Walk the path of shadows, take the road of tears.
Climb the Hill of Sorrows, to Calvary draw near.
See the Savior weeping, wounded by our sin.
Kneel and gather mercy, then rise to live again.
In this holy moment, in this sacred place,
silence every worldly thought,
contemplate the gift of grace.
Kyrie eleison.

[“Kyrie eleison” is Greek for “Lord, have mercy.”]

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Stewart Smith

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

SERMON

Reconciliation Day

Rev. Stewart Smith

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
Music by Albert L. Pace; Arranged by Daniel Light

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.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

Be Still My Soul
Music by Jean Sibelius ((1865-1957)
Arranged by Lorie Line and Kevin McChesney

Bells on the Hill
SungKun Jung, piano
Pam Gilbreath, director

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Stewart Smith

*HYMN #317

In Christ There is No East or West
Words by John Oxenham, 1908: Music: American Spiritual

Glory to God

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

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, Verna Labitad, Aiden Thompson, 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

Bells on the Hill (from left to right) – Jane Steinkraus, Katie Jackson, Ruth Rodgers, Laurie Reh, Kelly Hadley, Jim Gilbreath, Marti Woodruff, Deb Crawford, Dave Edmark, Ron Warren, and Don Steinkraus.
Pam Gilbreath, director

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