



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 14, 2024

11:00 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. John King

PRELUDE

I Love You, Lord

Isaac Thomas, piano

Music by Laurie Klein; Arranged by Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

Guide me in Your truth, and teach me

For You are God my Savior and my hope is in you all day long.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 404

What Is This Place

Glory to God

Words by Hugh Oosterhuis; Music: *Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clank*

What is this place, where we are meeting? Only a house, thy earth its floor.

Walls and a roof, sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.

Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling. Sparks that are sown in us like seed:

Names, signs, and wonders sent from the past are what we need.

We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard: God's free redeeming word.

And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign.

Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.

This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase: God's justice and God's peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sara Koenig

Forgiving and gracious God, you have called us to be the church, to live out our Resurrection faith. You have asked us to place our trust in you and to bring to all the good news of your saving love. But we have failed to do this. We have given our faith a back seat to the troubles of the world and to the stresses in our own life. We look for the quick and easy answers. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. You, who raised Christ from the dead, have promised to raise our spirits and bring us to new life. You have done this and yet, we remain static in our response to you. Clear our spirits of the clutter of everyday living. Help us to be open always to your word and your love. Challenge us to move in directions of peace and hope for all people. These things we pray in the name of our risen Lord. Amen. *(silent meditation)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

***RESPONSE 820** (*sing twice*)

Nothing Can Trouble
Words attributed to Teresa of Avila, 16th century
Music by Jacques Berthier and the Taizé Community, France

Glory to God

**Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

CHILDREN'S SONG

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

**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.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Amanda McDonald

ANTHEM

If These Walls Could Speak
Words and Music by Jimmy Webb; Arranged by Isaac Thomas

Ceci Allen, vocals
Isaac Thomas, piano

If these old walls, if these old walls could speak of things that they remember well:
stories and faces dearly held.

A couple in love living week-to-week, rooms full of laughter, if these walls could speak.

If these old halls, if hallowed halls could talk,
these would have a tale to tell of sun going down and dinner bell,
children playing at hide and seek from floor to rafter,
if these walls could speak.

They would tell you that I'm sorry for being cold and blind and weak.

They would tell you that it's only that I have a stubborn streak – if these walls could speak.

If these old fashioned window panes were eyes, I guess they would have seen it all:
each little tear, and sigh, and footfall. Every dream that we came to see or follow after,
if these walls could speak.

They would tell you that I owe you more than I could ever pay.

Here's someone who really loves you, don't ever go away.

That's what these walls would say.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:3-14 NRSV

³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two

men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

SERMON

What Do We Do Now?

Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Amanda McDonald

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

Isaac Thomas, piano

Music by Henry Smith; Arranged by Mark Hayes

*RESPONSE 600 (*sing twice*)

Amen

Glory to God

Words: Traditional; African American Gospel Song

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Amanda McDonald

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi

God, in your grace. **You hear our 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.

SENDING

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Kristi Button

*HYMN 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

Glory to God

Words by Adam M. L. Tice; African American Spiritual

**The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.**

**True faith will open up the door and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.**

**True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.**

**If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.**

(repeat verse 1)

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi

POSTLUDE

Thy Word

Isaac Thomas, piano

Music by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith; Arranged by Mark Hayes

*(Our worship continues through the Postlude.
If you need to leave, please do so quietly. Otherwise, please remain seated.)*

Participants

Jo and Ernie Rothrock, Greeters
Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi, Guest Pastor
Rev. John King, Bridge Pastor
Isaac Thomas, Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder
Ceci Allen, Cole Jackson, Jeffrey Kerst, Abby Pennick, Isabelle Pennick, Choral Interns
Christopher Verdery, Connor Button, and Drew Parker, Audio/Visual Team
Kristi Button, Director of Christian Education
Amanda McDonald, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Amy McCann, Membership Coordinator
Lee Pendley, Childcare Coordinator

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