



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 28, 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

Majesty

Isaac Thomas, piano

Music by Jack Hayford; Arranged by Jay Rouse

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from On Earth Peace)

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Christ,

we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ,

as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

we proclaim the God of Compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

we proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

we proclaim the God of Love.

Come, let us worship together

and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Glory to God

Words by Joachim Neander;

Music from: *Stralsund Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, 1665

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty; the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

granted in what he ordaineth!

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again;

gladly for aye we adore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LaNelle Roberts

Omnipotent God, you call us by name and yet we act as if we do not hear. You inscribed in stone and in our hearts the commandments to follow and we turn away. Your Son preached the beatitudes, and we act as if his sermon did not happen. Father, please forgive us for our numbness to your message, please forgive us for searching for idols on earth to worship and guide us, please forgive us for shutting our hearts, ears and minds to your call. Dear Father, we beg for your forgiveness and ask again for your help in turning us away from sin and towards our glory and grace. Amen (*silent confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*RESPONSE 695

Change My Heart, O God
Words and Music by Eddie Espinosa

Glory to God

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S SONG 591 (refrain only)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Traditional Caribbean

**Hal-le, hal-le, hallelujah! Hal-le, hal-le, hallelujah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hallelujah! Hallejuah! Hallejuah!**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Amanda McDonald

ANTHEM

Instrument of Peace
Words Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226);
Music by Amy Sky

Cole Jackson, baritone
Isaac Thomas, piano

Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is falsehood, let me bring truth. Where there is pain, I'll comfort you.
Where there is silence, let me sing praise. Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is blindness, let me bring sight. Where there is darkness, let me bring light.
And with these words I speak, grant that I may not seek to be heard, but to hear;
to be consoled, but to console. Not to be seen, but to see; to be loved, but to love!
For when we give love, we will receive. When we forgive, love will find reprieve.
It is in dying we'll be released. Make me an instrument of peace; of peace.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Derrick Olsen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 3:10-12

¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Exodus 4:1-4

Then Moses answered, "But look, they may not believe me or listen to me but say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.'" ² The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." ³ And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake, and Moses drew back from it. ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and seize it by the tail"—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand.

Mark 1:16-18

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Acts 9:3-6

³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you

persecute me?"⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Acts 9:15-20

¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul^[a] and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

SERMON

God has Called; it is Time to Act

Derrick Olsen

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Apostles' Creed)

Derrick Olsen

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

Kristi Button

OFFERTORY

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord
Music by Bob Hudson; Arranged by Mark Hayes

Isaac Thomas, piano

***RESPONSE 581**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)
Words: Traditional Liturgical Text; Music by Henry W. Greatorex

Glory to God

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Kristi Button

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Derrick Olsen

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

Amanda McDonald

***HYMN 300 (verses 1, 3, 4)** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*
Words and Music by Peter Scholtes

Glory to God

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**All praise to the Father; from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

***BENEDICTION**

Derrick Olsen

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King
Music: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*, 1623; Arranged by Dino Kartsonakis

Isaac Thomas, piano

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

Participants

Julie Olsen and Lorraine Brewer, Greeters
Derrick Olsen, Guest Pastor
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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