



FIRST WORSHIP – RELEVANT FAITH FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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9:00 a.m

Call to Worship:

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Praise Music: *Please stand as you are able for the first two songs*

Mighty to Save

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

VERSE 1

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior.
The hope of nations!

CHORUS

Savior, He can move the mountains. Our God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save; forever, Author of Salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

VERSE 2

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, and fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender. **[repeat chorus]**

BRIDGE

Shine your light and let the whole world see!
We're singing for the glory of the risen King!
Shine your light and let the whole world see!
We're singing for the glory of the risen King! **[repeat chorus]**

From the Inside Out

Words and Music by Joel Houston

VERSE 1

A thousand times I've failed, still Your mercy remains.
And should I stumble again, still I'm caught in Your grace.
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.

PRE-CHORUS

My heart and my soul, I give You control.
Consume me from the inside out, Lord.

Let justice and praise become my embrace,
to love You from the inside out.

VERSE 2

Your will above all else, my purpose remains,
The art of losing myself in bringing You praise.
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame. [Repeat Pre-Chorus then to Chorus]

CHORUS

Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise.
From the inside out Lord, my soul cries out.

INSTRUMENTAL—9 MEASURES

PRE-CHORUS

My heart and my soul, I give You control.
Consume me from the inside out, Lord.
Let justice and praise become my embrace,
to love You from the inside out.

CHORUS [Sing twice then go to Closing]

Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise.
From the inside out Lord, my soul cries out.

CLOSING

From the inside out Lord, my soul cries out.
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Prayer of Confession:

We are lost. We have mistaken an untethered life for an awakened one. We roam from place to place at great cost to the earth beneath us, believing that we will find ourselves. We have stolen the homes of others because we cannot bear to gaze upon our own scorched earth. We have made a performance out of pretending like we are not a product of where we once called home. We have failed to contend with how our own actions render a space more or less welcoming or safe. Forgive us our escapism and neglect, and in your mercy let us encounter the places we come from without turning against ourselves. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Let your soul receive this rest: The God who made the dirt and sky, stone and sand, is present with us wherever we find ourselves. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32 NRSVUE

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and

kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years, I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Stewart Smith

Message: Coming Home

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Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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

Call for Offering

Offering Song for Reflection: I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

VERSE 1

Out of the depths I cry to you, in darkest places I will call;
incline your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

VERSE 2

Were you to count my sinful ways, how could I come before your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze; I stand redeemed by grace alone.

CHORUS

I will wait for you, I will wait for you, on your Word I will rely.
I will wait for you, surely wait for you, till my soul is satisfied.

VERSE 3

So put your hope in God alone, take courage in his pow'r to save;
Completely and forever won, by Christ emerging from the grave. **[Repeat Chorus]**

VERSE 4

His steadfast love has made a way, and God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in him today find healing in his sacrifice. **[Repeat Chorus]**

Holy Communion:

Breaking of the Bread/Pouring of the Cup
Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People:

God, in mystery. **Listen and have mercy.**

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.

Ten Thousand Reasons

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

CHORUS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name

VERSE 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. . [Repeat Chorus]

VERSE 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing: Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
[Repeat Chorus]

VERSE 3

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending: Ten thousand years and then forevermore.
[Repeat Chorus]

Life of the Church

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Stewart Smith

Exiting Song & Passing of the Peace:

As we sing the final song, we ask that you leave the sanctuary singing together into The Gathering Place.
We will use this time for fellowship and to pass the Peace of Christ after the service.

As We Go-- Words and Music by Jeremy Johnson

As we go, may Your Spirit go before us.
As we go, may we follow where You lead.
May we live what we have learned,
share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world as we go.