



FIRST WORSHIP – RELEVANT FAITH FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

There is one body and one Spirit,
Just as you were call to the one hope of your calling,
One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

One God and Father of all
Who is above all and through all and in all.

PRAISE MUSIC:

Come, Thou Fount/Above All Else

Words and Music by Robert Robinson and Shane Barnard

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy goodness 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.

[CHORUS] Above all else, I adore Your name.

Above all else, tune my heart to sing Your praise. **[repeat chorus 4x]**

The highest praise, the loudest praise, to the Name above every name.
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.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God):

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith

Alleluia! Alleluia, for the Lord, God Almighty, reigns.
Alleluia! Holy, holy are You, Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.
You are holy, holy are You, Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we look around our lives, the uncertainty of the future, the weight of today...

I am afraid it's all too much. My fear feels overwhelming.

It's ok to be afraid. You are not too much, this is not too heavy.

You are not here alone.

I am not here alone.

We are carried by our community.

I am carried by my community.

The space between us feels too far,

It's hard to hear you and trust you God.

I am afraid it's all too much. My fear feels overwhelming.

It's ok to be afraid, the space between us is not too far.

I am not here alone.

We are not here alone.

We are carried by our community.

I am carried by my community.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 22:1-22

For three years Aram and Israel continued without war. ² But in the third year King Jehoshaphat of Judah came down to the king of Israel. ³ The king of Israel said to his servants, "Do you know that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us, yet we are doing nothing to take it out of the hand of the king of Aram?" ⁴ He said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth-gilead?" Jehoshaphat replied to the king of Israel, "I am as you are; my people are your people; my horses are your horses." ⁵ But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, "Inquire first for the word of the Lord." ⁶ Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred of them, and said to them, "Shall I go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I refrain?" They said, "Go up, for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king." ⁷ But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there no other prophet of the Lord here of whom we may inquire?" ⁸ The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one other by whom we may inquire of the Lord, Micaiah son of Imlah, but I hate him, for he never prophesies anything favorable about me but only disaster." Jehoshaphat said, "Let the king not say such a thing." ⁹ Then the king of Israel summoned an officer and said, "Bring quickly Micaiah son of Imlah." ¹⁰ Now the king of Israel and King Jehoshaphat of Judah were sitting on their thrones, arrayed in their robes, at the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were prophesying before them. ¹¹ Zedekiah son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron, and he said, "Thus says the Lord: With these you shall gore the Arameans until they are destroyed." ¹² All the prophets were prophesying the same and saying, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead and triumph; the Lord will give it into the hand of the king." ¹³ The messenger who had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, "Look, the words of the prophets with one accord are favorable to the king; let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably." ¹⁴ But Micaiah said, "As the Lord lives, whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak." ¹⁵ When he had come to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain?" He answered him, "Go up and triumph; the Lord will give it into the hand of the king." ¹⁶ But the king said to him, "How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?" ¹⁷ Then Micaiah said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains like sheep that have no shepherd, and the Lord said, 'These have no master; let each one go home in peace.'" ¹⁸ The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy anything favorable about me but only disaster?" ¹⁹ Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, with all the host of heaven standing beside him to the right and to the left of him. ²⁰ And the Lord said, 'Who will entice Ahab, so that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' Then one said one thing, and another said another, ²¹ until a certain spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, saying, 'I will entice him.'" ²² 'How?' the Lord asked him. He replied, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then the Lord said, 'You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do it.'

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: *Bridging the Space Between Us* –Rev. Stewart Smith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (please stand) 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 at 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING SOLO:

How Beautiful

Words and Music by Twila Paris

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.

How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.

How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never despise.

How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice:

that we will live just as He died, willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant Bride who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.

How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.

How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.

How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.

How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution & Partaking of the Elements

COMUNION SONG: All Belong Here

Words and Music by Lenora Rand and Hannah Rand

When you're not sure who you really are, when all you feel is the shape of your scars
and you have more wounds than you can count, open your eyes, look all around,
you aren't alone, this is your home.

(Chorus) Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.

When you don't know how to forgive, when locked doors seem like the only way to live,
and you've got more questions than you can count, open your eyes, look all around.

You are not alone, this is your home. *(repeat chorus)*

At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding's okay. At this table eat and be filled.
Come and drink in this grace. *(repeat chorus)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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.

SONG:

Canto de esperanza (Song of Hope)

Words and Music by Todd Smith, Jennie Lee Riddle, and Charity Gayle

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and love to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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