



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 20, 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

Amanda McDonald

PRELUDE

Courante pour Clavecin
Music by François Couperin (1668-1773)

Xiao Yang, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who are grateful for God's mercy and grace and let us worship!

People: Christ is our high priest and on the cross our sins were made clean.

Leader: Jesus was called by God to lead us out of our sins and into the light.

People: And we are each one called of God to spread the Good News of Christ.

Leader: Then let our voices shout out and our lives proclaim the love of God.

People: Let us respond with faithful obedience and acts of love and compassion.

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

*HYMN #388 (sing three times)

Come, All You People (Uyai Mose)
Words and Music by Alexander Gondo

Glory to God

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Trudy Pearson

Merciful God, there are so many things we have done that should have been left undone. There are so many things we have said that should have been left unsaid. We are so quick to act impulsively or speak without pausing. Too often we prioritize earthly pursuits with our busy lifestyles until the years add up and we come to realize we have prioritized the wrong things. And with this desire to act and do, we have allowed ourselves to seek our salvation through our own means and not through our only true Savior, Jesus Christ.

For all of this, we ask for Your mercy and forgiveness. Slow us down, O God. Help us to be slow to speak and slow to anger. Give us patience and gentle spirits. And when we fail, give us humility to admit those failures and turn from them.....

(silent confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE #423** (verse 1)

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
Words and Music by John Carter

Glory to God

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

CHILDREN'S SONG #2233

Where Children Belong
Words and Music by James Ritchie

Sing the Faith

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Kristi Button

ANTHEM

A Prayer of St. Francis
Words by St. Francis of Assisi, Music by Allen Pote

Chancel Choir
Xiao Yang, piano

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.
Where there is doubt, let there be faith.
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there's despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let there be light,
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life.
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
An instrument of thy peace. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Stewart Smith

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 14:17-20 After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. ¹⁹He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; ²⁰and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Hebrews 5:1-10 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

SERMON

The Priesthood of All Believers

Rev. Stewart Smith

"Come to Him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

-- 1 Peter 2:4-5

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *The Larger Catechism*)

Kristi Button

Leader: Why was our Mediator called Christ?

People: Our Mediator was called Christ, because He was anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure; and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to execute the office of prophet, priest, and king of His church, in the estate both of His humiliation and exaltation.

Leader: How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

People: Christ executes the office of a priest, in His once offering Himself a sacrifice without spot to God, to be a reconciliation for the sins of His people; and in making continual intercession for them.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Amanda McDonald

OFFERTORY

Virgin, tutti amor (Virgin, Fount of Love)
Words and Music by Francesco Durante (1684-1755)

Xiao Yang, soprano
Isaac Thomas, piano

English Translation from Italian:

Virgin, fount of love, dear Mother, thou of mercy; whose heart was riven,
O hearken, Queen of Heaven, hearken to a sinner's cry.

Let kind compassion move thee, in mercy hear her sad lamenting,
her mournful moan ascending unto thy throne of grace on high.

O Mother, thou of mercy, Virgin, fount of love.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Amanda McDonald

***RESPONSE #614** (sing twice)

Great Are You, Lord
Words and Music by Deborah D. Smith and Michael W. Smith

Glory to God

**Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just;
by your power, we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;
by your mercy you prove you are love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice;
We lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!
Great are you, Lord!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Isaac Thomas

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

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

Rev. Stewart Smith

*HYMN #613

O Lord, Our Lord (How Majestic is Your Name)
Words and Music by Michael W. Smith

Glory to God

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord, God Almighty.**

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Stewart Smith

POSTLUDE

O Clap Your Hands
Music by John Rutter (b. 1945)

Xiao Yang, organ

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

Participants

Greeters – Steve and Brittany Adair

Interim Senior Pastor – Rev. Stewart Smith

Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder – Isaac Thomas

Choral Interns - Ceci Allen, Cole Jackson, Jeffrey Kerst, Isabelle Pennick, Verna Labitad, and Will Trotter-Wright

Audio/Visual Team - Christopher Verdery, Connor Button, and Drew Parker

Worship Band: Rob Button, Dennis Brewer, Don Steinkraus, Jeffrey Kerst

Director of Christian Education - Kristi Button

Director of Youth and Young Adults Ministries - Amanda McDonald

Membership Coordinator – Amy McCann

Childcare Coordinator – Lee Pendley