



FIRST WORSHIP – RELEVANT FAITH FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gifted people because of God's gracious design with which God created us.

Some are gifted in teaching, some in administration; and still others in benevolent service.

The greatest gift of all is love. It is the gift that makes all the others effective.

**We cannot carry out the task God has assigned to us as God's church, gifted as we are,
without the gift of love.**

The perfect demonstration of God's love is the gift of Jesus Christ.

We are called to share that love with others.

We bring praise today to the God of love. Let us worship the living and loving God!

MUSIC

I Love You, Lord

Words and Music by Laurie Klein

I love You, Lord and I lift my voice
to worship You; O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what You hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

I've Got Peace Like a River

African-American Spiritual

I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river.
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river.
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean.
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean.
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are in Your Service, loving God, gifted by Your benevolent love. But so much of our service has been wasted talent made worthless by the lack of love. Forgive us for our pride, our arrogance, our boasting, our selfish stubbornness. Forgive us, O God, for breaking faith; for forgetting that we are kept by Your faithfulness; for expecting the best to be the shortest and easiest; for wanting life to be exciting but not risky; for having ears and not hearing; for having eyes and not seeing; for breaking our promises and forgetting Yours; for covering Your light and often keeping silent; for not fully guarding our love. Forgive us and have mercy on us, O God. Help us to put away our childish ways of greed and quarreling; that we might serve You with the perfect gift of love... *(silent confession)* ...Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

MESSAGE *Looking in the Mirror* – Rev. Stewart Smith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

In Remembrance of Me

Words by Ragan Courtney; Music by Buryl Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door
and let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted;
drink and remember too,
that this is my body and precious blood
shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above,
but in your heart, look for God.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Words by Fred Kaan; Music: Jamaican Folk Melody

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound.

Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound.

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God, Immanuel everywhere!

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound.

Eat This Bread

Words and Music by Jacques Berthier and the Taizé Community, France

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SONG

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.**

PARTICIPANTS

Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Stewart Smith

Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder

Isaac Thomas

Director of Christian Education

Kristi Button

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Amanda McDonald

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Choral Interns

Cole Jackson

Jeffrey Kerst

Isabelle Pennick

Verna Labitad

Will Trotter-Wright

First Worship Band

Rob Button, guitar/vocals

Jeffrey Kerst, acoustic guitar

Isabelle Pennick, percussion

Don Steinkraus, bass guitar

Will Sulliban, percussion

Isaac Thomas, piano/keyboard

Audio/Visual Team

Christopher Verdery, coordinator

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