

First United Church

Sunday, July 10, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Purpose: Building Relationships,
Living God's Transforming Love.

Gathering

Prelude:

Welcome, Acknowledgement of Territory, Announcements, and Lighting of the Candle

- **Introit** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" (verses 3 and 4) MV 30
(Processing of Light and Word; lighting of the Christ candle)

- **Call to Worship**

Let us come from the losses, frustrations, disappointments, and failures of our lives.

We come to this time and space where a word of hope is spoken for us, where we are wrapped in God's love and claimed by God's vision for wholesome community.

Let us come from the achievements, accomplishments, and excitements of our lives.

We come to this time and space where we can share our joys one with another.

For here, in this time and space, we are God's people.

Here, in this time and space, we laugh and cry together. Here, in this time and space, we expand our thinking, broaden our hearts, strengthen our spirits, and become empowered for living out our faith in the world building relationships and living God's transforming love.

- **Hymn** "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" VU 644

- **Prayer of Approach**

Gracious God,

loving God, since the first moment of our being you have surrounded us with your presence and blessed us with your gifts. May we be aware of our giftedness; may we become stewards who are willing to act in faith and in love with justice for all. Open our minds to your Word, our spirits to your presence and power, and our hearts to your deep compassion. Keep on equipping us to serve as agents of your ever-inbreaking realm of wholeness of life and fullness of life. For that realm, Jesus taught us ever to pray together, 'Our Father (and Mother) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin(g)dom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

The Sacrament of Baptism

- **Hymn for Baptism** “God, We Pray at this Beginning”

VU 443

Statement of Purpose and Scripture Reading

Presentation of Candidates

Profession of Faith and Promises and Commitment of Godparents

Congregational Commitment *(please stand as you are able)*

Let us pledge to these two families our support and care.

As a baptized and baptizing people, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.

May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism. **Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed

We are not alone. We live in God’s world.

We believe in God who has created and is creating;

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God**

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in creation,

to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of Water

Naming and the Act of Baptism

Marking with the sign of the Cross

Presentation of Baptismal Candle

Presentation and Congregational Welcome

These children have been received into the Christian church and into the family of First United.

We are members of the body of Christ. We are inheritors of God’s promise.

In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we welcome you.

You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been baptized. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing

Scripture Lessons: Colossians 3:1-11 (Reader: Nancy Lennox)
Luke 12:13-21 (told orally)

Herein is wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Ministry of Music: "How Can I Keep from Singing?"
Soloist: Autumn Debassige

Lowry-Bullard

Sermon: "Enough Is Enough"

- **Hymn** "Touch the Earth Lightly"

VU 307

Time of Offering -

Prayer of Dedication

God who journeys with us, **may we share our wealth and the personal gifts we have until our own loads are lightened. May we share our weakness until we feel the pull of your strength. May we share your tears until our eyes are opened. May we share your laughter until our hearts are full. Amen** *(Walter Murray, used with permission)*

Call to Prayer "As the Deer Pants for the Water" (verse 1)

VU 766

- **Prayers of the People**

- **Hymn** "Forth in Your Name, O Christ"

VU 416

- **Commissioning and Blessing**

Sung Amen

(The light of Christ goes before us into the world)

Postlude