

JESUS FEEDS



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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “With This Cup and With This Bread” (Logan)

INTROIT “We Are the Family of God” (Byron)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

You, who did not withhold your own Son, will you not also give us all things through him?

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

We do not know how to pray as we ought, but as Christ intercedes on our behalf, we are emboldened to come before your throne of grace. You make us mindful of your bountiful care as each morning we arise to greet the dawn of a new day. As we enter the sanctuary, we behold your countenance in the eyes of sisters and brothers. As your Word is read and proclaimed we hear how you have been faithful throughout the ages. Be pleased with our offerings of praise and thanksgiving as we respond to your goodness in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

✠ HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #90

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We question your judgement when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course you prescribe. Our patience

✦ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
Paul assures us that the Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes us according to God's will. In Jesus Christ, God calls us, and God conforms us to Christ, so that in him we receive the promise of new life. As we dwell in the Spirit let us also rest assured in the promise. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of God be with you.
And also, with you.
Greet one another in Peace.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM "Remember Me" (Adams)

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING	Test.	Blk Pg.	Red pg.
Genesis 32: 22-31	Old	28	37
Romans 9: 1-5	New	139	193
Matthew 14: 13-21	New	14	19

SERMON "Final Test"

✠ HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together” #460

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On 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, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Prayers of the People

OFFERTORY "Hymn of Adoration" (Schubert)

✠ DOXOLOGY "O Bless the Gifts" #817

O Bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Treasures lose their luster, and riches are easily spent, but your kingdom endures forever. We approach you, O God, trusting your will for our lives. You give us assurance of your abiding presence. You provide us with confidence as we follow Christ's call. Accept now the gifts that we offer, so that your truth may be known throughout the land. Amen.

✠ HYMN "Because He Lives" #358

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "Celebration" (Paxton)