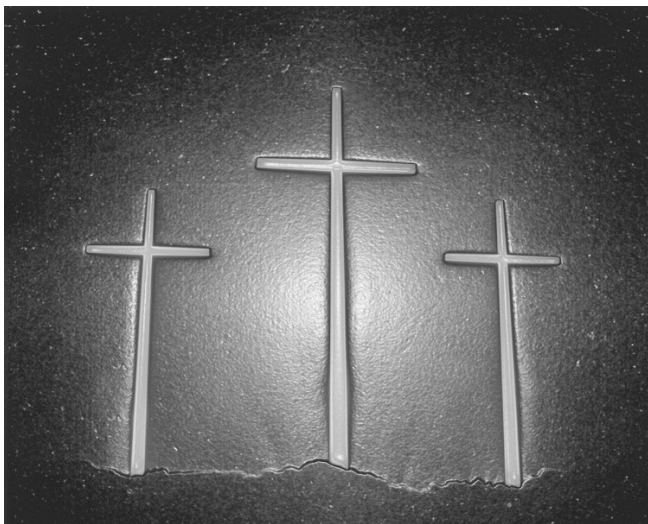




For **God** did not
send his **Son** into the
world to condemn
the world, but to **save**
the world through **him**.

JOHN 3:17, NIV

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
17th Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 20)
9.20.26

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Paul writes how we do not live to ourselves alone. "If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living." To be at one with Christ is to live in assurance that our sins are forgiven! Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" #812

***Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another in Peace.

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Congregational Life

ANTHEM "This is the Day / From the Rising of the Sun" (Hayes)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children are dismissed to their classrooms).

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 21: 4-9

1 Corinthians 1: 18-24

John 3: 13-17

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SERMON "Raised Up"

✠ HYMN "Amazing Grace" #343

✠ 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; the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended to 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. Amen.**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY "More Love to Thee"

(Doane)

✠ 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

**"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he hastens and
hastens his will to make known." We do gather before you, O God,
and ask that you will bless the fruits of our labor. Hasten to make
your will known among us, so that all we do shall be to your glory.
Accept the gifts that we offer for the furtherance of your peace; in
Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

✠ HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

#258

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "March Pontificale"

(Stickles)