

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Triptych: II Meditation" (Barr)

INTROIT "He Has Made Me Glad" (Brethorst)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper the work of our hands --- O prosper the work of our hands!
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

The works of our hands are gifts of your mercy, O God, and everything we have is a sign of your love. If we have strength, it is because you uplift us; when we have joy, it is on account of your grace. We praise you when you comfort us. We are afraid when you judge us in anger. With Christ to intercede, accept now our worship. May it be worthy of the care you show us. Amen.

✙ HYMN "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" **#21**

✙ LITANY OF CONFESSION

We are taught to love you, O God, with all of our heart.
We confess that our allegiance is less that complete.
We are taught to love you, O God, with all of our soul.
We confess that we long to have our own way.
We are taught to love you O God, with all of our mind.
We confess that our thoughts are seldom so pure.
We are taught to love our neighbors, as we love ourselves.

We confess preference for ourselves being first.
God have mercy upon us as we make our confession.
Christ have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.

✙ ASSURANCE OF PARDON
In Christ the "fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile…all things…making peace through the blood of his cross." Know that in Christ you have been reconciled so that through him you are presented holy and blameless to God. Therein lies our assurance of pardon. 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 "Come into God's Embrace" (McDonald)

CHILDREN'S SERMON
(*Children are dismissed to their Sunday School Classrooms)*

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING	Test.	Blk Pg.	Red pg.
Revelation 7: 9-17	New	221	303
Hebrews 12: 1-8	New	200	275
Matthew 5: 1-12	New	3	4

SERMON "Cloud of Witnesses"

✙ 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 "Communion with Jesus" (Curtis)

✙ DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **#814**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✙ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, you call us as stewards to take care of your creation. As we till its soil, help us also to replenish and nurture the earth. As we sow seeds for tomorrow's crops, teach us the meaning of patience and hope. As we reap the harvest, guide us to see that all your people are fed. Amen.

✙ HYMN "Freely, Freely" **#436**

✙ BENEDICTION

✙ POSTLUDE "Raise Now Your Song on High" (Saint-Saens)