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The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Liturgist—Jill Halsey

Music Director—Kay Boyne / Guitar: David Blackburn



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Voluntary in C" (Zundel)

INTROIT "He Has Made Me Glad" (Brethorst)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We give you thanks, O Lord, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever.

We have cried to you in times of trouble; you delivered us from our distress.

We thank you, O Lord, for your steadfast love; your wonderful works abound about us.

You know of our needs before we utter your name; you are to be praised!

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

You have built your house on a rock, O God, and have sent us the Christ as its cornerstone. We praise your name for the assurance Christ gives us and rejoice in the hope that his presence provides. Bring now your Spirit into the midst of our gathering and bless our endeavors as we follow Christ's call. May our voices be blended into one of thanksgiving and our actions united into one of great praise. Amen.

✞ HYMN "To God Be the Glory" **#56**

✞ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You bring justice upon us and give us compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. So often what we preach is not what we practice. We ourselves do not bear the burdens we impose on others. We expect commendation for our acts of

benevolence; we like others to see us and how well we behave. Titles and honors are worn with pride, sometimes with envy, when others about us seem to be getting ahead. O God, forgive our craving to be exalted; help us to be humble in the knowledge that we live by grace alone. Amen.

✙ ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Remember Jesus Christ, "who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant." He bore our sins on a cross that we might die to sin and rise to life anew. In Christ we boast of the good news of God's love. 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 "I Will Give Thanks" (Jothen)

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

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING	Test.	Blk pg.	Red pg.
Joshua 24: 1-3; 14-25	Old	199	267
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	New	180	250
Matthew 25: 1-13	New	24	34

SERMON "Keep Watch"

✙ HYMN "All Glory, Laud and Honor" **#300**

✙ 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.

<u>OUR RESPONSE TO GOD</u>

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY "Theme from Finlandia" (Sibelius)

✙ DOXOLOGY **#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.

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