First United Presbyterian Church

September 8, 2024

**GATHERING**

**CHIMES** Set your heart for worship, if you must whisper, let it be in prayer.

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING WORDS**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And, also with you!**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

**P: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.**

L: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

**P: Lord, help us to work for you.**

L: Lord, make us ready to serve.

**P: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN**  #516 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

Lord, we have come at your own invitation,

Chosen by you, to be counted your friends;

Yours is the strength that sustains dedication,

Ours a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at your table, confirm our intention,

Give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;

Teach us to serve, without pride or pretension,

Lord, in your Kingdom, whatever our place.

When, at your table, each time of returning,

Vows are renewed and our courage restored:

May we increasingly glory in learning

All that it means to accept you as Lord.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we are fascinated by healing, we talk about, and ask for miracles, but we often fail to understand the compassion of Christ. We truly desire the healing of our family, friends, and the world. But we often fail to take advantage of opportunities to show compassion, and to express your love. Forgive us when we do not focus on your compassion, and when we fail to show it to others, and inspire us and equip us to do the work of your compassionate way.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE TO PARDON** #570 Gloria Patri

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**All: And, also with you!**

One: Please pass the peace to those around you.

**\*GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE** “Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.

It is you Lord, Who came to save The heart and soul, of everyone.

It is you Lord, who knows my weakness; Who gives me strength, with Thine own hand.

Lead me on Lord, from temptation; Purify me from within.

Fill my heart with your Holy Spirit Take away - All my Sin.

**PROCLAMATION**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE READING** James 2:1-10

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 7:24-37

**SERMON**  “Living Faith” Rev. Greg Menssen

**RESPONDING**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #514 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:

bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he set the tone,

teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #592

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

 **\*HYMN OF INVITATION** #505 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

 **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

 **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

One: The Lord be with you!

 **All: And, also with you!**

 One: Lift up your hearts!

 **All: We lift them to the Lord**

One: It is right to give our thanks to the Lord, Our God.

 **All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

One: Holy God, Father almighty . . . Saying

 **All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth**

 **are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who**

 **comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest**.

 One: You are holy, O God of majesty . . . Great is the mystery of faith.

 **All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . . As Christ our Savior

 taught us, we are bold to pray:

 **LORD’S PRAYER**

 **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

 **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #535 Go With Us Lord

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,

that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

(Please remain standing or seated until the Postlude is completed.)

**POSTLUDE**

\*Denotes to please stand.