

First United Presbyterian Church
October 6, 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

One: Praise be to God who has called us together.

All: We come here seeking healing and hope.

One: Open your hearts to God's redeeming love.

All: Help us to hear your words, O Lord, and follow your ways. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN**

#481 Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show
Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia! saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
angels round the throne above, Alleluia! all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia! Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!

Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia! singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, you know that we are stubborn and willful. We believe that we know the right way to do everything and to heal all the troubles of the world. We resort to extraordinary means to provide healing only to find that we have not placed our trust in your redeeming love. Our efforts fall far short of the goal of reconciliation. Forgive us our stubbornness and arrogance. Heal our wounded souls and restore hope and compassion to our relationships with you and with each other. Lift us up and cause us to serve you by serving others in this world. AMEN.

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**

#315 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain:

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain when my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me, it looked so fine, I asked my Lord if all was mine.

[Refrain]

Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul.

There ain't but one train that's on this track it runs to heaven and runs right back.

[Refrain]

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Old Rugged Cross

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Katie Amidon

SERMON

When Bad Things Happen

Mr. Cody Myers

RESPONDING

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

#341 Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,

watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORDS PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN**

#543 Abide with Me

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's
power?

Who like thyself my guide and strength can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide
with me.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

*Denotes to please stand.