First United Presbyterian Church

January 19, 2025

**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: Sing praise to God, all the peoples!

**All: Praise God who really loves us all!**

One: Don't be afraid and do not doubt God's love.

**All: Open our hearts, O God, and help us to receive that love.**

One: Dance in joy to the spirit of God.

**All: Let our spirits resound with joy at God's light of joy, AMEN.**

**INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS**

**\*OPENING HYMN** #525 Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of the sea and sky, I have heard my people cry

All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.

I who have made the stars of the night, I will make their darkness bright

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of the snow and rain, I have born my people’ pain

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their heart’s of stone, Give them hearts for love alone

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied

I will give my life to them Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.

Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, how we must try your patience! We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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** “Majesty”

Majesty, worship his majesty. To Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.

Majesty, Kingdom authority, flow from his throne, unto his own, his anthem raise.

Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

**PROCLAMATION**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE READING** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise” Highland Ringers

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL READING** John 2:1-11

**SERMON** “Water” Rev. Greg Menssen

**RESPONDING**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** #356 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORDS PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #592

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #388 O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend!

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**