First United Presbyterian Church

January 26, 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**

**Call To Worship:**

One: We have been called to unite with our siblings.

**All: God wants us to work together.**

One: We are each a small part of the body of Christ.

**All: Let us walk hand in hand.**

One: Together we are strong

**All: Let us work side by side.**

**All: Let us work together to show God’s unfailing love Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN**  “We are One in the Spirit”

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|  | We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored.Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians, By our love, by our love.Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.We will walk with each other, will walk hand in hand,We will walk with each other, will walk hand in hand,And together we'll spread the news, that God is in our land.RefrainWe will work with each other, we will work side by side,We will work with each other, we will work side by sideAnd we'll save each man's dignity, and guard each man's pride.RefrainAll praise to the Father, from whom all things come,And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only SonAnd all praise to the Spirit, that makes us one.Refrain |

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy and strength, we live in a society that has become more divided than nearly any time in history. Each day we read or hear something that only furthers that divide. Help us gracious Lord to unite in the spirit of Your unfailing love, not only with those with whom we agree but with all of your children. Inspire us anew to reach out with the hand of love and service and to form the body of Christ.**

**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** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Called as partners in Christ’s service, Called to ministries of grace.

We respond with deep commitment, Fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend.

Equal partners in our caring, To fulfill God’s chosen end.

**PROCLAMATION**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE READING** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Lamb of God” -Paris

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 4:14-21

**SERMON** “One” Rev. Greg Menssen

**RESPONDING**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** #443 O Christ, the Great Foundation

O Christ the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
one fellowship united in love beyond our own
by grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened and righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

The gates of hell are yielding, the hordes of Satan fly,
for Christ the Lord is wielding the sword of victory:
This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORDS PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #592

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**