First United Presbyterian Church

April 6, 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**

L: Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God. **P: Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!**L: Come and let us worship with great joy! **P: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!**L: God is about to do something new in our lives! **P: Let God’s will become strong in our lives. AMEN.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN** #460 Holy God We Praise Your Name

Holy God, we praise thy name! Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on Earth thy sceptre claim, All in Heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Patient Lord, we find it easy to find excuses and to blame others when things don’t go according to our plan. We sit back and wonder why things did not go the way we wished. And we often want You to be a magic presence in our lives which at the wave of a wand cures our ills and gives us success and happiness. Forgive us when we are busy finding excuses. Help us to look for the ways that we might be the help in this world, and** **help us to keep our focus on the peace and justice that you want for all creation.**

**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** #263 Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

**PROCLAMATION**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE READING** Philippians 3:3-14

**SPECIAL MUSIC**  Mark Amidon

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Holly VanBuskirk

**GOSPEL READING** John 12:1-8

**SERMON**  “Focus”Rev. Greg Menssen

**RESPONDING**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** #339 Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night; Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy dear child; Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORDS PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #592

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #391 Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\***Denotes to please stand.



Epistle Lesson Gospel Lesson

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