

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 23, 2025

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Unison)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SELECTION FUPCC Choir
"Oh Give Thanks" *by Judith Christie McAllister*

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN #313(AA) "I've Got A Feelin"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE "Let The Church Say Amen"

POSTUDE



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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

** Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INTROIT #105(AA) "Bless The Lord"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

PEOPLE: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

LEADER: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

PEOPLE: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

LEADER: So I will bless you as long as I live;

ALL: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

*OPENING HYMN #634 (GG) "To God Be The Glory"

* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION *(Unison)*

This is the Lord's Day, a day to rejoice in Your goodness and love. We enter this space to give You praise, for You are worthy of all honor and glory. Open our eyes to see Your presence around us, our ears to hear Your voice calling us, and our hearts to feel Your peace. Heal our faithlessness, release us from our fears, and guide us on the path that leads to Your perfect peace. We offer this day to You in praise and service. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead of reforming our own. Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life. *(Moment of Silent and Personal Confession.)* In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL SELECTION FUPCC Choir

"The Lord Will Make A Way Somehow" by Phillip E. Knight Sr.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Delton H. Farmer

SCRIPTURE READINGS Rev. Delton H. Farmer

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 42:1-2

NEW TESTAMENT: John 4:1-14

SERMON Rev. Delton H. Farmer

"Father, I Am Empty And Need To Be Filled"

INVITATIONAL HYMN #301 (AA)

"There's Something About That Name"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /LORD'S PRAYER