

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED *(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 (Collectors asked to come forward)**

We are called to be light to the world. Let us share our talents and treasures in grateful praise. . *You may give online @ fupcc.org, mail your gifts to the church office, 406 N. College Street, 28202, or give to the officers as they pass the collection plate. Remember, all we have, and all we are, belong to God. Let us give with a cheerful heart. Amen*

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY SELECTION** ..... "Love" by Kirk Franklin

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, all that we are and all that we have comes from you. Take these gifts and these people and make them blessings for your people in this community and beyond. Amen.

## **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table** .....Rev. Serenitye Taylor

## **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: And also, with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**CLOSING HYMN #313(GG)** ..... "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE** ..... "Three-Fold Amen"

## **POSTUDE**

# **FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# **Seventh Sunday of Easter**



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*"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"*

# Order of Worship

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

*\*Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES ..... Deacon Helen Hairston

### \*INTROIT #644(AA) ..... "Alleluia"

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:** The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

**ALL:** We tremble at God's awesome works!

**LEADER:** The heavens proclaim God's righteousness!

**ALL:** The Lord is our guard and protector!

**LEADER:** Light dawns and joy fills our hearts!

**ALL:** Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks!

### \*OPENING HYMN #590 (AA) ..... "We're Marching To Zion"

### \* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (*Unison*)

**Strong Deliverer, righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Your lightning enlightens the world; the earth sees it and trembles. Mountains melt like wax before you; Zion hears and is glad because of your judgments. We shall put aside our worship of vain images and cease our boasting of worthless idols. You are God who in Christ came to redeem us; we rejoice and give thanks to your holy name. Amen**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We worry if we confess what rests heavily on our hearts, we will be judged and condemned. Yet God desires we come close and open ourselves to the possibility of transformation and grace. When we confess our sin, we acknowledge God's love for us and Christ's prayer for us, opening ourselves to forgiveness and new life. Trusting in this love, let us confess our sins.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, you desire that the world might see your light shine through us. Yet we confess we are often too blinded by the glittering temptations of this world. We turn from your way, hurting the very ones we were called to serve, in our action and our inaction. We grow frustrated with each other, seeking to silence anything besides our own desires. We fail to see your righteousness and champion greed and discord in the name of power and popularity. Forgive us. Melt us and mold us into more faithful disciples, seeking your light, reflecting your mercy, and sharing your grace. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**LEADER:** Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ alone, prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news.

**ALL:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve. Alleluia. Amen.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

### INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

### SPECIAL SELECTION ..... "Glorious Is The Name Of Jesus"

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ..... Rev. Serenity Taylor

Holy God, we are thirsty for your good Word. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, open our hearts to hear what you have to say to us. Fill us with the light of your love that, having heard, we will be ready to go live more faithfully and love more deeply. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS ..... Rev. Serenity Taylor

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

### SERMON ..... "Why Lord" ..... Rev. Serenity Taylor

*Sermon Text -John 20:24-25*

### INVITATIONAL HYMN #262(AA) ..... "Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus"

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE