

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

Second Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 7)

** Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Jesus brought healing love to all people.

PEOPLE: They talked and marveled about his miracles.

LEADER: But they really didn't understand him.

PEOPLE: They wanted the healing, but not necessarily a change in their lives.

LEADER: Jesus brings us transforming compassion.

ALL: Lord Jesus, keep our minds and our spirits open to your life-changing words. **AMEN.**

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

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

Lord of mercy and compassion, Be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. We praise You for Your boundless grace and the compassion You pour into our lives. Thank You for making us recipients of Christ's mercy and calling us to share His hope and love. Prepare our hearts for service in His Name. Use us as instruments of peace and healing in a hurting world. You alone are worthy of all praise. AMEN.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the prophet Isaiah, God declares a readiness to be sought out, even by those who did not ask, and a willingness to be found, even by those who do not seek. With confidence in God's readiness to receive us however we are, let us boldly pray this prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to ourselves and to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God through faith; we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. We are heirs according to the promise and made free in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION **"I Won't Complain"** *by Rev. Paul Jones*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION..... **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**
God revealed in fire, earthquake, and silence, reveal yourself to us now in the reading of your holy Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Kings 19:1-15a
NEW TESTAMENT: Galatians 3:23-29

SERMON **"Father, Even In The Wilderness, I Belong To You"**..... **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

INVITATIONAL HYMN #351 (AA)..... **"Jesus Is Calling"**

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - (from The Book of Order, F-1.0301) *(unison)
The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world: The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life. The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation. The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God’s transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING *(Collectors asked to come forward)*
After being healed of his affliction, Jesus told the man possessed by demons to return home and declare how much God has done for him. As a grateful testimony of what God has done for us, let us return a portion of our treasures. *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..... **"I Shall Wear A Crown"** *by Thomas Whitfield*

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Generous God, may these gifts empower our witness to your work in the world. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #384 (AA) **"Can’t Nobody Do Me Like Jesus"**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**..... **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit be with you, those you love, and for whom you pray, this day and forevermore. Amen.

RESPONSE **"Three-Fold AMEN"**

POSTLUDE