

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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# **THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

# Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 10)

*\*Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*INTROIT #119(AA) ..... "Thou Art Worthy"**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** We gather as people who have heard the ancient question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

**PEOPLE:** We come seeking to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**LEADER:** Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we ask: "Who is my neighbor?"

**PEOPLE:** We discover that our neighbor is anyone in need, anyone we encounter, anyone who suffers.

**LEADER:** Like the Samaritan, we are invited to bind up wounds, to care for strangers, to act with compassion.

**ALL:** Let our worship move us to mercy, our songs inspire us to service, our prayers lead us to practice what we believe.

**\*OPENING HYMN #566 (AA) ..... "Woke Up This Mornin' "**

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

This is Lord's Day, and we rejoice in it! Gracious God, we lift our hearts in praise because You are worthy. You are the Creator of heaven and earth, the Giver of life, and the Sustainer of every good thing. There is none like You in all the earth. We honor You today for Your power that never fails, for Your mercy that greets us each morning, and for Your love that knows no end. You are high and lifted up, yet You are near to all who call on You. Let this day be filled with the sound of true worship. Let everything, we do bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Our world and our human desires often lead us to oppose God's way.

Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us confess these sins before our God.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your right path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. Amen. Prayer for illumination Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

## **\*GLORIA PATRI**

**SPECIAL SELECTION** ..... **"Joy "** *by The Georgia Mass Choir*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**..... **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen

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

**OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

**NEW TESTAMENT: Colossians 1:1-14**

**SERMON** ..... **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

**"A Faithful Walk that Works"**

**INVITATIONAL HYMN #175 (AA)** ..... **"I Must Tell Jesus "**

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

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Apostles' Creed - (unison)***

**\*\*\*\*\**Page 35 in the purple Glory to God Hymnal*\*\*\*\*\***

**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*)**

Paul reminds us that generosity is a fruit of the Spirit. Let us generously share the gifts we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God. *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.....Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone" *by Joshua Sherman***

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN #639(AA) ..... "God Be With You"**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION..... Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

God, bless us. Jesus, walk with us. Holy Spirit, guide us as we enter this new week. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and always. Amen.

**RESPONSE ..... "Let The Church Say Amen"**

**POSTUDE**