

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 27, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY

after Pentecost

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 12)

**Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart.

PEOPLE: We will tell of your wonderful deeds.

LEADER: We will be glad and exult in you.

PEOPLE: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

LEADER: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

PEOPLE: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

ALL: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Amen

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

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

God of the dawn, we arise to the hope of your redeeming grace. God of the dusk, we rest secure in the assurance that you neither slumber nor sleep. God of the noonday sun, we dwell in the midst of your unfailing mercy. You are above us, beneath us, and throughout all creation. Through the abundance of your encompassing love we worship and praise your glorious name. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The psalmist King David wrote, "Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin." Let us confess our sin before God and one another, assured of God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, we pray the Lord’s Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as another opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION

"The Center Of My Joy" *by Richard Smallwood*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION..... Rev. Dr. Edward Newberry

SCRIPTURE READINGS Rev. Dr. Edward Newberry

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 96:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 7:1-10

SERMON "Such Faith" Rev. Dr. Edward Newberry

INVITATIONAL HYMN #499(AA)

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart "

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ THE LORD’S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - (from The Confession of 1967)**

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us, the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. We believe that the risen Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we say about God, ourselves, and the world.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING *(Collectors asked to come forward)*

The apostle Paul commended the churches of Macedonia with these words for their generosity, "They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us." As a sign of our dedication to God, let us present our tithes and offerings with abundant joy for all God has done for us. Freely we have received; now freely let us give. *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.....

"Oh Give Thanks" *by Judith Christie McAllister*

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. With glad and generous hearts, we give back what rightfully belongs to you. With open hearts and willing hands, may we joyfully use your gifts to share the good news of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift to this world. Amen.

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

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION..... Rev. Dr. Edward Newberry**

RESPONSE "Let The Church Say Amen"

POSTUDE