

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (Collectors asked to come forward)

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return. *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.....

"I Love To Praise Him" by The Mississippi Mass Choir

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, may these gifts serve as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's TableRev. Delton H. Farmer

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 #129(AA) "Lord, Keep Me Day By Day"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We have been raised with Christ, so strive for what is above, where Christ is, seated at God's right hand. Set your minds on the things of Christ, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. And put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of our creator, so that Christ is all and in all! Amen.

RESPONSE "Three-Fold AMEN"

POSTUDE

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 3, 2025

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

THE EIGHTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Order of Worship

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 13)

**Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES Elder Sharon Kelley

***INTROIT #106 (AA)** "In The Beauty Of Holiness"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEDER: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

PEOPLE: for God's steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble;

LEDER: They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.

ALL: Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

***OPENING HYMN #596 (AA)** "Come And Go With Me "

* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION *(Unison)*

God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in your holy house, open our minds and souls and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your Spirit in our lives. Help us follow you as you lead us to the land you have created for us, where we may dwell with you and in you. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. However, our lives are too often self-absorbed. We have not loved God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make a sincere confession before God and others.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be Your people. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL SELECTION "My Help" by The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Delton H. Farmer

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the scripture we are about to hear will become God's Word for us today. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Rev. Delton H. Farmer

OLD TESTAMENT: Hosea 11:1-11

NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 5:8

SERMON Rev. Delton H. Farmer
"Grace for the Imperfect: God Will Still Carry You "

INVITATIONAL HYMN #432(AA) "Where Could I Go?"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/ 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