

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 14, 2025



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 19)

** Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Have you come here to grumble?

PEOPLE: No! We are here to rejoice!

LEADER: Oh. Are you lost?

PEOPLE: No! We are found!

LEADER: Okay, I see. Do you seek a welcome at this table?

PEOPLE: Yes! We are here to let go of the past and begin fresh.

LEADER: We are here to celebrate the joy of heaven.

PEOPLE: We are here to feast with Christ, our Lord!

LEADER: Wonderful! You are in the right place.

PEOPLE: You are welcome here.

ALL: Let's worship God together!

***OPENING HYMN #634 (GG) "To God Be The Glory "**

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

Faithful God, You are the source of our joy and the reason we lift our heads in hope. From the rising of the sun to its setting, your name is worthy to be honored. You welcome us as beloved children returning home. We come before you not because we are perfect, but because your love is perfect. You gather us from all corners of life and you make space for us in your presence. Today, we remember your kindness that never runs dry and your grace that meets us anew. Open our eyes to your beauty, our ears to your truth, and our hearts to your Spirit. May every word, every song, and every breath bring delight to you, O Lord. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of loving kindness, have mercy on us. According to your multitude of tender mercies, blot out our transgressions, thoroughly wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. From the moment of our conception we have worked to separate ourselves from your love. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom, purge and clean our hearts, put your Spirit anew within us. Let us hear joy and gladness so that our ragged bones might rejoice with you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION "Encourage Yourself "

by Donald Lawrence and The Tri-City Singers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Delton H. Farmer

SCRIPTURE READINGS Rev. Delton H. Farmer

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 4:4

NEW TESTAMENT: Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17

SERMON "The Heart God Longs For" Rev. Delton H. Farmer

INVITATIONAL HYMN #697 (GG)..... "Take My Life "

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

***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

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OFFERTORY....."If It Had Not Been For The Lord On My Side"

Composer Margaret P. Douroux

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN #313(AA) "I've Got A Feelin' "

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

RESPONSE "Seven-Fold Amen"

POSTUDE