

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## **Theological Education & Evangelism Sunday**

Today we celebrate Theological Education Sunday in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Please join us in praying for the Church's future ministers and leaders and look for opportunities to mentor those among us who have gifts for ministry.

In addition, we also recognize the challenge and opportunity of evangelism. This year's focus is on living the good news as image-bearers of Christ, and offering the bread of heaven to all who are starving because we are all called to learn how to share our faith.

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

# Order of Worship

## Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 20)

*\* Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:** Turn us, O God,

**PEOPLE:** Away from the world's temptations and distractions

**LEADER:** Return us, O God,

**PEOPLE:** to the quiet calm of your presence

**LEADER:** Restore us, O God,

**PEOPLE:** to the path you call us to follow

**LEADER:** Orient us, O God,

**ALL:** to the hope of all that is possible through you

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

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

On this the Lord's Day, we gather to lift Your name in praise. O God of mercy and abundant love. You are our refuge, our strength, and our salvation. Your faithfulness never fails, and Your compassion renews us each morning. We honor You, Lord, for calling us into this moment to worship, to listen, and to be changed by Your presence. May our hearts be open, our minds renewed, and our lives shaped by Your Word. Be glorified in all we offer today. In Jesus' mighty Name we pray, Amen.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

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

God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, hear this confession. Receive it. We ask for your forgiveness. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**SPECIAL SELECTION** .....**"Uncloudy Day "**  
*The Myrna Summers' Rendition*

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

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

**OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 8:18-19**  
**NEW TESTAMENT: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

**SERMON ...."Strength In A Weary Land"....** **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

**INVITATIONAL HYMN #380 (AA)..... "Trust And Obey "**

**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**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY....."God Made Me"**  
*By The Mississippi Mass Choir*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

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

**RESPONSE ..... "Three-Fold Amen"**

**POSTUDE**