

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 28, 2025

SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

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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: Come! Praise the Lord!

PEOPLE: Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!

LEADER: Come! Praise the Lord!

PEOPLE: Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!

LEADER: Come! Praise the Lord!

PEOPLE: Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!

LEADER: Come! Praise the Lord!

ALL: The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

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

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

Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. AMEN.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our power and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION "Jesus Purchased My Salvation "

By J. R. Fryson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Breeann Dean

SCRIPTURE READINGS Rev. Breeann Dean

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 16:19-31

SERMON "The Cost Of Empathy" Rev. Breeann Dean

INVITATIONAL HYMN #438 (AA)..... "Come By Here, My Lord "

**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 SELECTION....."There’s A Leak In This Old Building"
The LaShun Pace rendition

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION..... Rev. Breeann Dean**

RESPONSE "Three-Fold Amen"

POSTUDE