

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 24)

** Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT #105 (AA) "Bless The Lord"**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

PEOPLE: We come before the Lord with humble hearts, ready to hear and receive God's truth.

LEADER: God does not look at outward appearance, but at the heart. The Lord welcomes the contrite and lifts up the lowly

PEOPLE: We seek mercy, we long for grace, and we trust in the steadfast love of our God.

LEADER: Come, let us worship the One who restores and renews.

ALL: We worship the Lord with humble and grateful hearts.

***OPENING HYMN #611 (GG) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee "**

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

Lord our God, You are holy and gracious, worthy of all praise. You call us not to empty rituals but to hearts that love and honor You. We praise You for Your mercy that humbles the proud and lifts up the lowly. Your steadfast love draws us near and fills us with joy in Your presence. Receive our worship today, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy God, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling. We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and lean into the comfort of our own certainty rather than submit to the discomfort of your challenge. You send us messengers, and we sidestep them; you challenge us, and we defend ourselves. Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear. And yet you keep calling. Have mercy on us. Interrupt our evasions. Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and receive your truth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION **"Jesus Christ Is The Way "**
By Walter Hawkins

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Rev. Delton Farmer**

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Rev. Delton Farmer**

OLD TESTAMENT: Joel 2:23–32
NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 18:9–14

SERMON **Rev. Delton Farmer**
"The Condition of the Heart "

INVITATIONAL HYMN #735 (GG)..... **"I Need Thee Every Hour "**

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2: 6-11) *(unison)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY SELECTION....." Oh Give Thanks"

By Judith Christie McAllister

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN #549 (AA) "This Little Light Of Mine "

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

RESPONSE "Something God" by William Murphy

Something good is about to happen
Something God is about to take place
Something good is about to happen
Something God is about to take place
(repeat)

POSTUDE