FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 5, 2025



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It brings churches together in a service of Christian unity-in which everyone receives both

inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 22)

* Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES Elder Gail Walker

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

PEOPLE: the world and those who live in it.

LEADER: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has

done for us?

ALL: We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

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

* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (Unison)

This is the Lord's Day, and on this day, we give You glory, O God our Song in the struggle, our Strength in the storm. In this sacred space, we praise You the One who imagined us into being, who plants hope in hard places, who walks with us, hears our cries, and lifts our burdens with love. Holy One, enter our hearts, stir our

imagination, renew our courage, and bind us in grace. We honor You, God in Community, Holy in One. This is the Lord's Day, and we rejoice! Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inspire our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the footsteps of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 - Psalm 133:1 NEW TESTAMENT: John 17:21-23

INVITATIONAL HYMN #442 (GG)....."Just As I Am"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed) (unison)

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord,

Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he

suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in

accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY MINUTE FOR MISSION Deacon Charles Jackson **CALL FOR THE OFFERING OFFERING** OFFERTORY SELECTION..... "Jesus Will Fix It (Trouble in my way" by Lee Williams *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. 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 HMN #549 (AA)"This Little Light Of Mine" PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE"Something God" Something good is about to happen Something God is about to take place

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> > (repeat)

POSTUDE