

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 12, 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 23)

** Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

PEOPLE: Sing to the glory of God's name.

LEADER: All of creation worships, singing praise to God.

PEOPLE: Sing to the glory of God's name.

ALL: Let us give glory to God.

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

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

This is the Lord's Day, and we come to lift Your name in praise. Lord, You are good, and Your mercy endures forever. You are the God who draws near not only in sanctuaries, but in every place we find

ourselves. In the quiet, in the chaos, in the unexpected moments, You are faithful to be present. We praise You today, for meeting us with grace, with love, and with power. Now, fill this space with Your Spirit. Fill our hearts with joy. Receive our worship as we offer it to You with gladness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy God, When we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded. It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength rather than confronting ableism in all its forms. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people.
Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION**"Stand "**
By Donnie McClurkin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Rev. Delton Farmer**

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Rev. Delton Farmer**

OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Kings 5:1–3, 7-15c
NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 17:11–19

SERMON **Rev. Delton Farmer**
"God Shows Up in the Strangest Places... Won't He Do It! "

INVITATIONAL HYMN #837(GG)..... "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms "

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY SELECTION....."Oceans" By Hillsong

***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