

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 16, 2025

23RD SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 28)

** Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT #183 (AA) "We Are Standing On Holy Ground"**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: This day! This day we will give thanks to God, who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

PEOPLE: This day! This day we will trust in the One who has saved us, who strengthens us.

LEADER: This day! This day we dance to the fountain of life, drinking deeply of salvation's goodness.

PEOPLE: This day! This day we praise our God for every blessing; telling everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.

LEADER: This day! This day we sing God's praises; testifying to all creation of our God.

All: This day! This day our songs are filled with joy, for God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!

***OPENING HYMN #14 (GG) "For The Beauty Of The Earth "**

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

Gracious and Everlasting God, we give thanks for this day and for this place of worship where we gather in your name. You have called us into relationship through Christ; your love sustains us, your

mercy renews us, and your Spirit unites us. We praise you for your faithfulness and the beauty of your holiness. Draw us near, O Lord, that our worship may honor you and our lives reflect your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

We confess that our lives weaken us, Strengthening God. We do not exercise our faith as we should, and so fatigue easily. We see houses as investment property, not as homes built on love, hope, and dreams. We whimper our petty complaints about our friends and families, rather than shouting our hosannas to heaven for the gift of their lives. You are our hope, Tender God, so forgive us. Create in us new hearts, and fill us with new energy to serve our sisters and brothers, bringing them to the deep wells of salvation, where they can fill their parched souls, even as we have been led to them by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen. *Silent and Personal*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION "For Every Mountain" *By Kirt Carr*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Delton Farmer

SCRIPTURE READINGS Rev. Delton Farmer

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 98
NEW TESTAMENT: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

SERMON Rev. Delton Farmer
"Sing Your Way to Hope"

INVITATIONAL HYMN #351(AA)....."Jesus Is Calling"

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. 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!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY SELECTION....."Your Grace And Mercy"
By Frank D. Williams - The Mississippi Mass Choir Rendition

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN #741 (GG) "Guide My Feet"

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

RESPONSE HYMN #636 (AA) "Seven-Fold AMEN"

POSTUDE