

***Blessing**

***Choral Response** *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”*

***Sending**

Leader: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *“Toccata in Seven”* **Rutter**

**Please stand if you are able to do so comfortably.*

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the congregations of Valley Forge Presbyterian Church and First United Presbyterian Church of Tarentum.

The flowers are also given in honor of my wife, Christa, our children Kathryn, Corey, and Joshua, and our families. Thank you for all your love and support these past 27 years.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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First United Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and of the Pittsburgh Presbytery. We stand in the PCUSA tradition and belief that all are welcome into the fullness of the church including but not limited to worship, membership, governance, and participation in the sacraments (baptism and communion). Stated plainly, we practice that all are truly welcome at First United Presbyterian Church in Tarentum.



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Where People and Community Matter”

A Matthew 25 Congregation



Sunday, May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Eleven o' clock

Prelude *“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”* **Culli**
“Prelude No. 11 in B Major, Op. 11” **Scriabin**
Joshua Beck, Piano

Chiming of the Hour **Gospbells**

Welcome

Introit *“Jesus Loves Me”* **Gospbells**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us worship God. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness.**

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!

People: **For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting, and whose faithfulness endures to all generations. Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, morning has broken like the first morning. Like that first morning, you are with us Lord. As we worship together, sing your praises, share in the reading of your Word and break the bread as your beloved community create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Help us to follow you into all the world, sharing your Good News of love and peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation. As we worship, Creator come. As we sing, Lord Jesus come. As we praise, Holy Spirit come. Three in One, come, for now is the time to worship. Amen.

***Hymn** *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* **#455**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you. Forgive us when we fail; open our hearts and minds to your teachings. You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends. You challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your spirit, but we keep choosing comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God. You create all things good, and your creation sings your praise, but we consider no creatures but ourselves and wound your earth by our sin. Forgive us, O God. Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness, show us how to share it with one another. Amen.

(Please spend some time in silent confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

***The Peace**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* Jubellations
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Children’s Sermon Rev. Philip A. Beck

*Hymn *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* #288

Prayers of the People

Presentation from the Congregation by the Session Mike Tatusko

Old Testament Lessons

Isaiah 55:1-9 * Psalm 63:1-8

Special Music *“Medley of Rev. Phil’s Favorite Hymns”* Arr. by J. Beck
Joshua Beck, Piano

Gospel Lessons

Luke13:6-9 * John 15:1-17

Sermon *“On Bearing Fruit”* Rev. Philip A. Beck

***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.

Announcements

Dedication of Tithes and Gifts to the Lord

Offertory *“A Call to Joyful Praise”* M. Martin

Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn *“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”* #429