

Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Les berceaux

Gabriel Fauré

Hawkins Burns

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. Psalm 130:5-6

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Houston Burns, Lay Liturgist

Leader: It is the Lord who will redeem us from captivity to sin.

People: **We wait for the Lord – what the Lord will say and do.**

Leader: O people of God, hope in the Lord!

People: **With the Lord there is unwavering love and great power to redeem.**

◆ OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

GTG 634

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION

Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them – living and breathing God! Obsession with self is a dead-end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Let us be drawn by the Spirit into a time of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Generous God, we know we have been set free by your saving grace, but we confess how we are still bound by our pride and arrogance. We seem unable to throw off the grave clothes of our self-absorption. We cling to our fears, for they are so familiar and make such good traveling companions. Yet, in every corner of our lives, in every shadow we fear, even into the cold embrace of death itself, your unwavering love overcomes. You break the bonds of sin and terror, giving us new strength and hope, calling us to new life through the love and self-giving of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, through whom we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God has given us the hope that sustains because of the love that never fades, leading to the life which never ends through Jesus Christ.

We wait for God and God does not fail us. God's hope, God's love, and God's grace are forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

*The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you.*

*The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you:*

*The lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace.*

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

John 11:1-4, 17-45

SECOND READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"Hope That Rattles the Bones"

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967, 9.21

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for men and women when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to humanity, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

GTG 250

PROMISE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

OFFERING

Offertory

With Contrite Heart

Lani Smith

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, for all left by the side of society, for all whose strength has vanished,
for all whose bones are brittle with despair, may our offerings bring hope and healing,
peace and plenty, in the name and love of Jesus. Amen.**

SENDING

◆HYMN OF DEDICATION
Fight the Good Fight

GTG 846
DUKE STREET

◆CHARGE & BENEDICTION

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

◆CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Let Us Build a House (excerpt)

GTG 301
TWO OAKS

. . . here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal

PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz, Dennis Van Deventer, George & Mozelle Mills, Barbara Stein,
Greg Kaut (George & Moselle's son-in-law, David Duell, Mary Marxer
Homebound or Recovering: Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)



Faith United and Iglesia Emmanuel will be hosting a Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday April 8, 10:30 am - 11:30 am at the church. Invite your family and neighbors! We need **YOUR HELP** by donating plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy and non-candy items to fill the eggs. **PLEASE** no items containing nuts! We would prefer plastic eggs that are large enough to hold candy items. We need the eggs and candy by **SUNDAY, APRIL 2**. People from both churches will be assembling the eggs after worship on the 2nd. You are invited to stay and

help! At the Easter Egg Hunt there will be arts and crafts, face painting, music, and other activities. If you are able to help let Pastor Ken know! This will be our opportunity to meet our neighbors!

Part-time Administrative Assistant

Faith United Presbyterian Church, Farmers Branch, is looking for a person of high moral character to provide office and administrative support to the ministry and mission of the church. Good keyboarding, grammar, and writing skills are required, along with a working knowledge of computer programs related to a church office environment. Ability to maintain strict sense of confidentiality required. 20-25 hours. \$17-\$20/hour, commensurate with experience and skills. Would consider a person with bookkeeping skills to be Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper. Please send resume to Rev Ken Ritchie, ken@faithunited-pc.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Part-time Bookkeeper

Faith United Presbyterian Church, Farmers Branch, is looking for a person of high moral character to provide bookkeeping services in support to the ministry and mission of the church. Experience and knowledge of computer programs related to bookkeeping, payables, and payroll needed. Ability to maintain strict sense of confidentiality required. 10-15 hours. \$17-\$20/hour, commensurate with experience and skills. Would consider a person with administrative assistant skills to be Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper. Please send resume to Rev Ken Ritchie, ken@faithunited-pc.com.

Easter Lilies – It is time to place your order for Easter Lilies. We will take orders until Palm Sunday. Please complete a brightly colored card (or print form from the March Newsletter) with quantity (\$13 each) and **specific** dedication/sentiment. You may place the card with payment attached in the offering trays, box in the Narthex or return to the church office by Palm Sunday.



SPRING WORKDAY

We will have a Spring Workday on Saturday, April 1, from 9 am - Noon. Most of the work will be on the grounds of the church. Any help will be greatly appreciated! Bring whatever lawn tools who have and join us as you are able! For additional information, talk with Frank Fehmel.

OPENING HYMN

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
 MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
 11.11.11 with refrain

OPENING HYMN – cont.

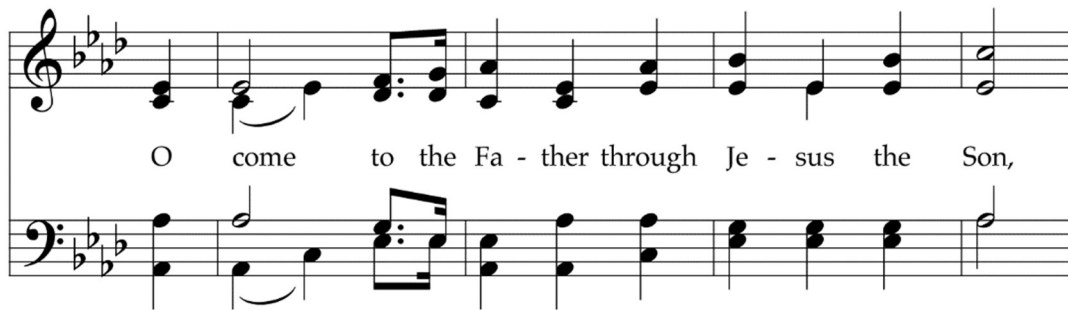
Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people re-joice!



O come to the Fa-ther through Je-sus the Son,



and give him the glo-ry: great things he has done!

PRAYING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Whenever we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray that God's kingdom would come and that God's will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. What are we praying for? Jesus offers several parables to describe the kingdom of God. We will consider those parables as models of prayer to form and shape our faith and faithfulness. Each week, usually Wednesday afternoon, a new episode will be uploaded to the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you like the Facebook page and/or subscribe to the YouTube channel you will be notified when the latest video is uploaded. You can view the video offering at your convenience. This midweek devotional series will run through April 19. Join Pastor Ken as we pray the kingdom of God!



In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

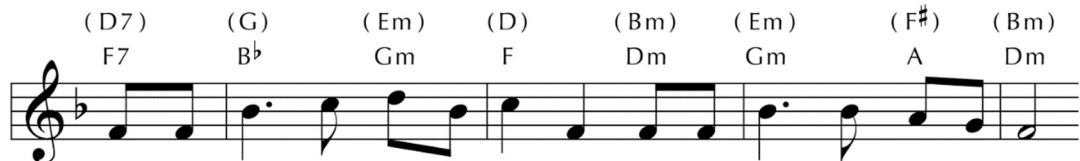
Hymn of Promise



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
 Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

Online giving is now available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smart phone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. www.FaithUnited-pc.com You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like Special Offerings, Building Repairs or the Garage Fund.

You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.



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