



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

## **GATHERING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE

Liebesbotschaft Franz Schubert

Katia Dinas

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP Debbie Menefee, Lay Liturgist

Leader: The time of gathering is here.

People: We have come from far and wide to offer our praise to God for God's many blessings to us.

Leader: Open your hearts to God's compassionate words of love.

People: Help us, O Lord, to receive your gifts in gratitude and to live lives in helpful service to others.

Leader: Let us worship God!

♦ OPENING HYMN GTG 409

God Is Here!

## **OPENING PRAYER**

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Why do we confess our sin?

Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do this together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

Then let us confess our sins

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Blessed by the presence of this gathered faith community,

We hear your call to support our fellow church members, in good times and in the hard times.

We will hear your call to remember our roots, and to affirm the worth of each family member.

We confess the ease with which we take your countless gifts for granted.

For the times we fail to offer hospitality to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty

We ask for mercy on us and the courage to be better...

#### SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

"Know that God looks upon you, each and every moment of your life, and says you are holy, you are sacred, you are valued, you are worthy, you are God's beloved child. Know that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven...thanks be to God!

## **RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING**

GTG 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**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

#### MOMENT FOR THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

**ANTHEM** 

I Will Be with You Joel Raney

Kyle Feather, director; Katia Dinas, pianist

When you pass through the water, when you walk through the fire, when the rivers over flow, I will be with you. When you walk through the desert, when you're caught in the storm, when you lose your way, I will be with you.

When you can't find the answer, when you're filled with despair, when you stumble and fall, I will be with you. When you're tired from the struggle, when you're weak from the pain, lean on me. I will be with you!

For I have called you by name, you've heard the echo of my voice whisper, "I love you, you are mine."

For you are precious in my sight, and I will guide you through the night.

When you walk, walk by faith, and I will be with you.

In your Joy, and in your pain, if you call out my name, I will be with you. When you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, have no fear, I will be with you!

For I have called you by name, you've heard the echo of my voice whisper, "I love you, you are mine."

And you are precious in my sight, and I will guide you through the night,
through the storm, through the rain, through the joy, through the pain.

When you walk, walk by faith, and I will be with you. I will be with you. I will be with you. I will be with you.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives. We gather before you to align our lives to the strong teaching and life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone. Prepare our hearts to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:7-14

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Kings 4:8-10

SERMON Hallie Spence

"Holy Hospitality"

## RESPONDING

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

Hallie Spence

We trust in God. In sovereign love God created the world good, and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community. But sometimes we ignore God's commandments, and we hide from our Creator. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

♦ HYMN OF MEDITATION
GTG 401

Here in This Place GATHER US IN

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

**OFFERING** 

Offertory A Prayer for Renewal Franklin Ritter

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow GTG 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

We give our offering hopefully, hoping that you can use these gifts, hoping that these gifts can further your kingdom, hoping that your kingdom will come. Your kingdom, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

## **SENDING**

**<b>HYMN OF DEDICATION** 

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GTG 543
GREEN TYLER

**⊗BENEDICTION** 

## **♦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**GTG 80** 

You Shall Go Out with Joy

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy

♦ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal



Thank you to our guest preacher today! Hallie Spence is the Director of Discipleship & Outreach at Woodhaven Presbyterian in Irving. All her life she has been involved with the Children and Youth ministries at various churches in Texas and North Carolina, where she found her calling to educational ministry. She graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary with a Master of Arts in Christian Education. Before working at Woodhaven, she volunteered with the children and family ministries at Round Rock Presbyterian, First UMC Georgetown, and Good News UMC Cedar Park. Prior to that, she was Director of Elementary Ministries at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. She has a passion for and is privileged to preach as pulpit supply when called upon. In the last 2 ½ years she and her husband David make weekly Bible story videos for God's children of all ages. She loves to spend her time reading and helping her husband David cook.

We now have online giving available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smart phone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. <a href="https://www.FaithUnited-pc.com">www.FaithUnited-pc.com</a> 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.



## **PRAYER LIST**

Dale Durcholz
Mike Jones
Dennis Van Deventer
David Duell
Tom Duell
George & Mozelle Mills

## Homebound or Recovering:

Freddie Simmons, Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

## FUPC Choir and Music leadership

David Pierce, Director of Music Katia Dinas, Pianist **Alto Tenor** 

Bass Soprano Marissa Guerrero Patti Sloey **Houston Burns** Kurt Booth Mary Marxer Jessica Stottlemyer Kyle Feather Hawkins Burns Renee Wensley Jeremy Rohwer Lois Norton Rich Lewis Barbara Ritchie Zachary Rohwer

Gerry Shotswell Katelyn Spivey



## May - Donations for Metrocrest Services

Do you have any clothes in good shape that you don't need? What about small household appliances? If so, bring them to the church during May and the Outreach Committee will donate them to Metrocrest Services. Metrocrest services those in need of clothes and household goods by giving them vouchers to use at the resale shop on Midway and Trinity Mills. Help us "Meet the needs of our neighbors"





## **OPENING HYMN - cont.**



## Here in This Place

401





- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
- 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van - ished 'a - way; see in this space yearn for your face. We have been sung bread of new birth. Here you shall call light years a - way: here in this place

see in this space our fears and our dream-ings We have been sung through-out all of his - tory, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of day. be light the whole hu called to to man race. be salt earth. call us a - new to for the now the king - dom, and now is the day.



the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us the Gath-er in, in, Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to the eat and hold us for - ev - er; Gath-er in gath-er us us and



blind and the lame; proud and the strong; bread that is you; make us your own; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

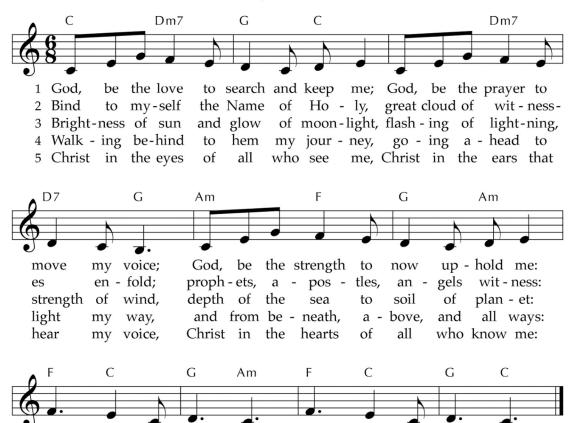


we shall a - rise at the sound of name. our give us the cour-age to en - ter song. lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. of love in our flesh and our fire bone.

# God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

543

O Christ, Surround Me



O

me;

O

Christ, sur-round

Christ, sur-round

me.

## The Session

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie, Moderator of Session Rich Lewis, Clerk of Session & Treasurer

## Class of 2022

\*Kathleen Ferguson, W&M \*Debbie Menefee, CL \*Katie Miller, CE \*Tracy Tiemann, B&G

## Class of 2023

\*Courtland Lewis, O&E \*Patti Sloey, Finance Brenda Burkham, CL

## Class of 2024

Kurt Booth Frank Fehmel Terrie Russell Nancy Smith



## **CHOSEN TO SERVE**

Disciples: The People of Faith United Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie, Ken@FaithUnited-pc.com
Business Manager: Brenda Swindle, Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com
Director of Music: David Pierce
Pianist: Katia Dinas



Faith United Presbyterian Church 12717 Marsh Lane,

Farmers Branch, TX 75234 Phone: 972-243-2866 Website: www.FaithUnited-pc.com

<sup>\*</sup> denotes Committee Chair