

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



Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits - who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases... Psalm 103:1-3

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 103)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name. People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's gifts of love.

Leader: The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. People: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love towards those who fear him.

OPENING HYMN GTG 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (all verses)

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

As loving parents have compassion for their children, God has compassion for us. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and, heal our divisiveness and guarreling. Teach us to be compassionate in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all, through whom we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

You are invited to take a moment for silent confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven.

Reconciled to the God who loves us in Christ Jesus, let us live and love in the power of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14:1-12

ANTHEM

Trust in the Lord John Purifoy

Sydney Barber, accompanist; Malcolm Payne, flute

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"How Many Times?"

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.126

126 Q. What does the fifth petition mean?

A. "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" means: Because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.

HYMN OF MEDITATION GTG 444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (all verses)

DETROIT

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

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

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION GTG 733

We All Are One in Mission (all verses)

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CHARGE

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

BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

COVID-19 Update! As we move from summer to fall, we continue to worship online. COVID-19 may change how we worship. BUT, it does not stop worship! We will keep you informed as best we can as we continue this journey. Remember, keep connected to each other through phone calls, emails, and texts! If you are aware of anyone who needs something, please let Pastor Ken know.

We are excited to announce the addition of online giving. 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 Peace & Global Witness Offering coming up in October. You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.



PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz
Roger Jones
Sugie Maxfield
Rev. Sungho Daniel Son
Barbara Stein
Dennis Van Deventer
Kathie Heffler
Betty Runkel

Jeanne Sawyer

Homebound/Rehab: Margaret Jones, Marilyn Rose,

Freddie Simmons

Our thanks to musicians in worship!

David Pierce, Director of Music Sydney Barber, accompanist

Caroline Busselberg, vocals
Natasha Wroblewski, vocals
Mary Marxer, vocals
Jessica Stottlemyer, vocals
Patti Sloey, vocals
Shanae Kemp, vocals
Kyle Feather, vocals
Malcolm Payne, vocals
Jeremy Rohwer, vocals
Rich Lewis, vocals
Brian Hotchkiss, vocals

The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken, Brenda Swindle, and David Pierce are in their "Work from Home" offices and ready to assist. Ken and Brenda are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They are also receiving your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.



- 1 "For give our sins as we for give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
- 2 How can your par don reach and bless the un for-giv ing heart
- 3 In blaz ing light your cross re veals the truth we dim ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re-sent-ment cease.



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say. that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part? what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you! Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Few petitions of the Lord's Prayer are as difficult to pray as this one, and we would not dare to pray it if we had to depend on ourselves rather than the example of forgiveness we are given in Jesus Christ. The shape note tune sets these words with appropriate spareness.

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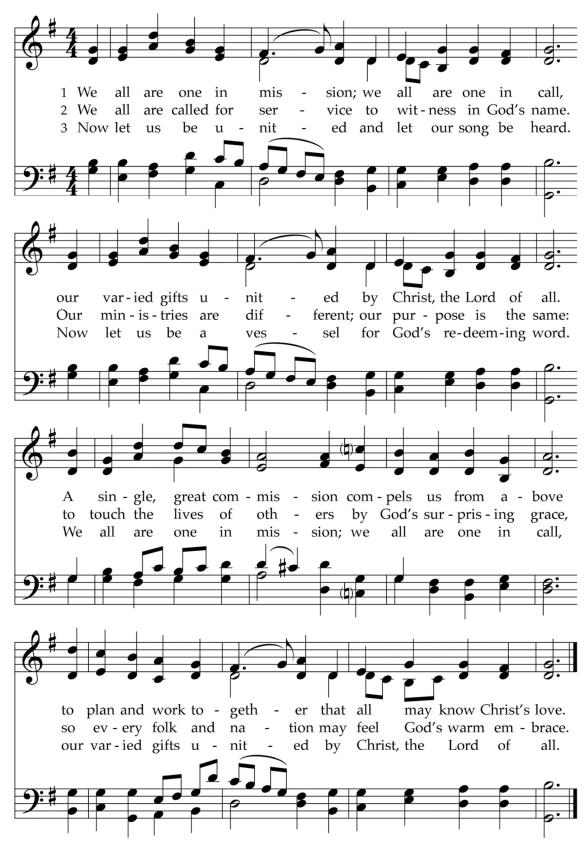
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DETROIT

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A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

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