University Presbyterian Church
ORDER OF SERVICE
November 15, 2026 | 8:30am

<<WE GATHER>>

Instrumental Prelude: "Variations on HYFRYDOL" by Diane Bish
Wade Dingman, Principal Organist

Call to Worship: from Psalm 103
David Gardner, Director of Worship & Arts
LEADER: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
PEOPLE: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
LEADER: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.
ALL: As far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Opening Hymn #25: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor to all people in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; all our hopes and fears he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him, you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him; all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Bojan Ruvarac
Program Director, Forum for Leadership and Reconciliation

Hymn of Assurance #89: "Our Great Savior" (st. 1, 2, 5)
Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus, lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah, what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my Strength, my victory wins.
Hallelujah, what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus, I do now receive him,
More than all in him I find,
He has granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine.
Hallelujah, what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Welcome
Aaron Williams, Pastor of Care & Kindred

Greeting One Another

Hymn #805: "Glory Be to the Father"
Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost

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

<<WE HEAR>>

Invitation to Children's Worship
Bojan Ruvarac

Offering Moment & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory: "Gonna Sit Down and Rest Awhile" by Patti Drennan
Cathedral Choir; David Gardner, director; Wade Dingman, accompanist
On this road filled with trouble, many burdens weigh me down.
Days can often be cloudy, and hope cannot be found.
When I'm ladened with sorrow, and I stumble and fall,
Jesus takes me in His loving arms. He hears me when I call.
I need to sit down and talk with my Jesus;
Sit down, forget all of my trials;
Sit down, and let Him fill my spirit;
Sit down, and just rest in Him awhile.

I know Jesus is list'ning, I know He hears my prayer
When I find myself burdened with more than I can bear.
As I walk through the valleys, I should have no fear.
Help me, Lord, to depend on You, Your voice I long to hear.

It's time to sit down and talk with my Jesus;
Sit down, forget all of my trials;
Sit down, and let Him fill my spirit;
Sit down and just rest in Him awhile.

No more will I carry this load,
No more will I go it alone,
'Cause Jesus already knows my trials.
Jesus, I give my life to You.

It's time to sit down, children, and talk with my Jesus;
Sit down, forget all my trials.

Sit down and let Him fill my spirit,
Rest in Him awhile.

Sermon: "Be Kind to One Another" Aaron Williams
Ephesians 4:32 (p. 951 of NRSV Pew Bible)
32 and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

<< WE RESPOND >>

Hymn of Response #437: "Help Us Accept Each Other" (tune: AURELIA; st. 1, 3, 4 only)
Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love,
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!

Prayers of the People & the 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #710: "We Are Called to Be God's People"
We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own,
Let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;

Taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,
Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,
That the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

Announcements & Benediction

Instrumental Postlude: "Festival Trumpet Tune in D" by Mark Thewes
Wade Dingman, organ

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Aaron Williams, Pastor of Care & Kindred
Bojan Ruvarac, Guest Liturgist
David Gardner, Director of Worship & Arts
Wade Dingman, Principal Organist

ABOUT OUR GUEST LITURGIST
Bojan Ruvarac is the Director of Renewing Our Minds (ROM) in Fuzine, Croatia. The ROM project was born in Croatia in 1999, in the aftermath of the '90s post-Yugoslavian war that called for the education of young generations of leaders in the areas of peace building, reconciliation, and leadership development through service, modeled by the person of Jesus. ROM is a ministry of Forum for Leadership and Reconciliation.

NEXT SUNDAY: November 22, 2026
Preacher: Gareth Icenogle

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