\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

 **In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

 **In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

From: A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

\*Hymn No. 772 *Live into Hope*

**Offering:** Giving does not buy you God’s love—that is free. Giving simply helps keep our heat on, our ministries going, and our staff, paid.

An offering plate is found at the front of the sanctuary. You may also mail or PayPal a donation.

We **affirm our faith** together because as diverse as we are, as differently as we vote, as many interests as we have, we have these beliefs that we share.

**Benedictio**n is a fancy word for blessing.

**Worship Notes**

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\*Charge & Benediction

\*Share the Peace of Christ

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,**

**May the love of God surround you everywhere,**

**Everywhere you may go.**

Worship Leaders

Pastor, The Rev. Holly Clark-Porter

Music Coordinator, Lily Li

Guest Musician, Kay Barlow Liturgist, Susan Pepe Clerk of Session, Sandy Johnson Child Care Help, Audrey Divine

**ALL ARE WELCOME** to a time of fellowship after the service today in the fellowship hall.

There is a sign up sheet if you would like to bring in refreshments for any future Sunday. There are instructions for making the coffee and store bought cookies are always a hit.

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**Prepare for Worship**

Welcome to worship, where God gathers us in the name of love. At FPC, we hope to be challenged by Scripture, comforted by community, and energized by service. If you’re new here or it’s been a while, we’re glad you walked in today. For more, check out the bulletin insert. All people: toddlers, teenagers, Gen Xers, Boomers and beyond, LGBTQIA+ folx, conservative or liberal people, and those with differing abilities and mental health—all—are cherished and affirmed here.

**Gather**

Prelude - Kay Barlow

Catch up with one another as you come in! When the **chiming of the hour** sounds, please keep the silence as we prepare for worship.

**Reformed worship** centers around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word incarnate. Worship, then, is our communal and individual response to the Word.

**Bold text** is read by the congregation in one voice.

**\***Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Confession** isn’t to prove you’re pious. It’s to help rebuild connections between you and God, you and yourself, you and others, and us and the world.

Chiming of the Hour

*Use this moment of silence to gather your heart and mind as we prepare for worship.*

Welcome & Announcements - Rev. Holly

Choral Introit

\*Call to Worship - Susan Pepe One: In this season of thought-provoking and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.
**Many: We come to be inspired by the stories of love and joyful celebrations!**
One: We come to listen for words of hope and renewal;
**Many: We come with open eyes, an open mind, and open hearts.**One: Come Let us worship our God-the One who holds all things in store for us in this season of refreshening.

\*Hymn No. 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* vs. 1 & 2

Unison Prayer of Dedication

**God, our comfort and our strength, bless our offerings and renew our spirits. As you call the faithful to courage in these days, we hope to rise to the occasion. Where you ask us to endure, bring us companionship in the struggle. Where you ask us to share what we have, may our hearts overflow with generosity. Where you ask us to open ourselves to radical change, make us brave and wild with imagination. Amen.**

Call to Confession and Silent Confession *(You are invited to share your wrongdoings and sorrows with God).*

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Christ who was and is to come, we stand looking up at the heavens, looking for you there. Forgive us for believing you have left us. Forgive us for failing to recognize you in the world around us. Forgive us for waiting idly for your return, instead of doing the work you have called us to do. You are above us, around us, before us, within us; help us to embody you in our time and place, today, tomorrow, and forevermore. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Assurance Hymn No. 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*, vs. 1 & 2

**Word**

## Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Text: Psalm 47

Choral Anthem

Children’s Moment

Greek Text: The Gospel of Luke 24:44-53

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Musical Reflection - Kay Barlow

Welcome New Members

Peggy Sisson

Sue Rocque

Katie Prendergast

Matt Prendergast

Wing Lee Haight-Wills

Sharon Mugle

Trisha Lehnen

**Engage**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Scripture**: Our pastor (usually) follows the Revised Common Lectionary, an ecumenical, Biblical reading program. This helps the Holy Spirit move into places we might otherwise miss.

**The Lord’s Prayer:** We use “debts and debtors” in the Lord’s Prayer. If you’re more comfortable with the “trespasses” language, please use it. Or if this prayer is meaningful to you in a different language, pray it that way. We all get to “Amen” together

**Communion:** Anyone, regardless of age or membership, is invited to partake. We use non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten free bread is available with its own cup. If you're nervous, just ask someone. You can't mess this up (although sometimes, we do make a mess and that's okay too!)