**United Presbyterian Church**

 **Youth Sunday**

 **May 16th, 2021**

 **11:00am**

**WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

Thanks for worshiping with us. Whether you are with us from the pew or with us via your computer screen, we are so glad you’re here. Remember, worship is about God and we focus our eyes and hearts on the One who is before all things. At the same time, we know that when we gather, we receive gracious gifts and experience the love of Christ as one church.

To prepare for worship, read the Words of Preparation; read

and reflect upon the Scripture passage for today. Be intentional about connecting with God in your worship.

**Words for Preparation**

*Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.*

*Colossians 3:15-17 (The Message)*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Candice

**Call to Worship**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving

**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

Let us make a joyful noise!

**Let us make a joyful noise to our LORD and Maker!**

**Opening Song "O Sing to the Lord"**

 **Glory to God #637**

**Call to Confession (Based on Psalm 51)**

The psalmist writes that the sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit and a broken, contrite heart is something God will never despise. Bring your broken hearts and contrite spirits to our loving God:

*(Period of silence for personal confession)*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Have mercy on me, O God, for I am a sinner. You know my transgressions. You know my weaknesses. You know my faults and failures. You know my mistakes. You know me, God, and yet you love me still. Remove my sin from me, I am guilty. Create in me a clean heart, ready to love you and love my neighbor. Make my slate clean. Forgive me and love me; restore to me the joy of your salvation**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The knowledge that you forgive us is our joy! We open our lips and declare your praise for you have delivered us from our sin and made us new!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Gloria Patri**

**Prayers of People and 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.”**

**Prayer for Illumination (Based on Psalm 119)**

**Scripture Readings**

**Psalm 121 (The Message)**

**Worship in Song** “More to this Life”

 Steven Curtis Chapman

**Matthew 11:25-30 (The Message)**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Senior Reflections**  Jackson Pitts

 Gabrielle Geer

**Affirmation of Faith**

Let us say together: **The Lord is our shepherd, we have everything we need from our God. God gives us rest in the green meadows and beside the cool waters; You, O God, restore our souls. We are lead down right paths that bring honor to your name. Even when we walk through dark and difficult valleys we will not fear; For our God is with us, protecting, comforting, guarding and guiding every step we take. You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies; You lavish us with blessings to the point of overflowing. We know with confidence that your goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, And our eternity shall be in the house of the Lord forever and ever. Amen.**

**Recognizing our Seniors**

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts**

Hear the words of the Psalmist: “The righteous are generous and keep giving.” May we be generous and share our gifts of lives and labors to our God. Let us receive our tithes and offerings. (Psalm 37)

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*(Please use this time for silent prayer and reflection as you consider ways to offer your life, your gifts, time, and commitment to God. You may give online at upctx.org/giving OR as you enter or exit the church sanctuary today. There are two offering boxes available.)*

**Prayer of Dedication**

Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts for great are the works of the Lord. He provides for us and the works of his hands are faithful and just. We offer to God the gifts of our very selves and dedicate them to the use of the Kingdom. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen. (from Psalm 138)

**Closing Song “Follow You"**

 **Ben Rector**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Worship Leaders**

Amelia Geer

Gabrielle Geer

John Riley Hill

Silas Hill

Thomas Jones

Rayna Petty

Camo Pitts

Jackson Pitts

Heather Lind, Family Ministries Coordinator

Rev. Candice Womack, Pastor

**Music Leaders:**

Ethan Gainer, Music Coordinator

Pat Penland

Tyler Womack

**Join us after service to celebrate our graduating seniors!**