\*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. 700 *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

**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

Liturgist, Susan Pepe

Clerk of Session, Sandy Johnson

**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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Sarah Braman, *Finding Room*, installation at Frank Lloyd Wright’s *Greycliff*

**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**

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.

Prelude - Lily Li

Chiming of the Hour

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

Welcome & Announcements - Rev. Holly Clark-Porter

Choral Introit

\*Call to Worship - Liturgist, Susan Pepe

One: As we gather with friends and strangers, family and neighbors,

**All: come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.**
One: As we gather listening, alive to your presence,

**All: come among us, Friend of the Broken, with your compassion**

 **which makes us whole.**
One: As we gather, watching and waiting, alive to your presence,
**All: come among us, Restorer of Hope, in word, silence, and song.**

\*Hymn No. 626 *As the Deer*

Unison Prayer of Dedication

**For your gracious provision responding to the pressing needs of our world, we say thanks. For the abundance that you enable us to share, we ask your help to give it all with deep love and care. For the good that will transform lives and heal communities, we say: may it be so. Amen.**

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care, our doubt of your providence, our failure to see signs of your love. We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life; we separate ourselves from you and from others and foster divisions between those you love. Help us to amend our lives and make us your faithful people who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response to the Assurance

Hymn No. 697 *Take My Life*, vs. 1 & 6

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my

days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I

will be ever, only all for thee; ever, only, all for thee.

**Word**

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Text: Psalm 42:1-5 - Susan Pepe

Choral Anthem

Greek Text: Luke 16:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Musical Reflection - Lily Li

**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