



WELCOME

You are living stones

First United Methodist Church

Pastor Chris Hardy

Greeting & Announcements

Gathering Meditation

"God has given us this task of reconciling people to him... And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God!'" – Paul, 2 Cor. 5:18b, 19b-20

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. **Amen.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge.

People: Let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in your righteousness.

Leader: Turn your ear to me. Come quickly to my rescue.

People: Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: Since you are my rock and my fortress,

People: lead and guide me, for the sake of your name.

Leader: Let your face shine upon your servant.

People: Save me in your unfailing love!

***Praise Song**

"Here I Am to Worship"

***Affirmation of Faith**

**We belong to God, eternal and infinite,
Creator of all things and all that is to come.**

**We follow Christ, who comes to us from God,
and reveals God to us.**

**He heals people and transforms lives,
and calls us to join in his ministry.**

**He was crucified, died, and was raised by God,
and reigns over all Creation;
and he bids us to die and rise with him
in the service of the healing of the world.**

**We live by the Spirit,
together with the communion of saints,
as members of the Body of Christ,
God's holy universal church.
We are confident in the forgiveness of sin,
the power of the resurrection
and the reality of eternal life.
In all things it is our desire to follow Christ,
by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory.
Amen.**

***Opening Prayer**

God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives. We gather before you to align our lives to the strong teaching and life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone. Receive our praise and thanksgiving as expressions of faith and love. We come to you, O Lord, as people who desire to learn and serve like Christ. We are ready to receive your blessing and direction today. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Chris

† Coins for Kids

**A Time of Prayer – Sharing our Joys & Concerns
The Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn**

"In Christ Alone"

#3105

Reading of Holy Scripture

1 Peter 2:4-10 (NLT)

Message

"Living Stones"

Pastor Chris

***Hymn**

"Christ for the World We Sing"

#568

***Passing of the Peace**

**Giving Back to God with our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory**

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Hymn**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

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***Postlude**

*Please stand if you are able

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