

First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

July 20, 2025

Prelude I

Hymn of Heaven – Phil Wickham, arr. Earvin Manongdo

Prelude II

– Bill Johnson, Brian Johnson, Chris Davenport, Phil Wickham

Hymn of Heaven

HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Welcome & Announcements

Pass the Peace

Responsive Call to Worship

Ian Harding

One: Come, let us worship the God who works wonders from small beginnings! As the rain and snow water the earth, bringing forth seed and fruit, so God's Word goes out and accomplishes His purpose.

Many: We praise You, O God, for Your Word that grows Your Kingdom!

One: Who dares despise the day of small things? The Lord rejoices in humble starts, building His glorious plan through His Spirit.

Many: We worship You, Lord, for turning the small into the splendid!

One: The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, planted in the house of the Lord, bearing fruit in His courts.

Many: We adore You, God, for Your power to transform us for Your glory!

One: Let us lift our hearts to the God who plants seeds of faith, and grows them into eternal life. Come, worship our Sovereign King!

Many: We come to worship, trusting Your audacious plan for Your Kingdom! Amen.

*Opening Hymn

God Is Calling through the Whisper

Call to Confession

Ian Harding

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You plant seeds of hope, yet we doubt Your power to grow them. We confess our skepticism, our fear that our small faith is not enough. We turn to our own ways, ignoring Your promise of a glorious Kingdom. Forgive us, Lord, for underestimating Your grace. Renew our hearts to trust Your transforming love.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Doxology

– Stephen Schwartz/Matthias Claudius, transl. Jane Campbell

All Good Gifts, from "Godspell"

Prayer for Illumination

Ian Harding

Scripture — Ezekiel 17:22-24 (ESV)

Anthem

Celebration No. 4
Summer Bells

– Michael Keller

Time with our Children

Pastor Christian

Video – Seeing Jesus

Sermon

Rev. Christian Johnson

How Does a Tiny Seed's Rise to Glory Undo Our Doubts?

Scripture — Matthew 13:31-33 (NRSVUE)

Hymn of Affirmation

– Leonard, Mooring, Mooring, Jordan

Christ Be All Around Me
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Call to Offering

Ian Harding

Offertory

A Quiet Place

– Ralph Carmichael, arr. Jan Sanborn

Prayer of Dedication & Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Christian Johnson

*Closing Hymn

Indescribable
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

– Jesse Reeves, Laura Story

*Benediction

Rev. Christian Johnson

Postlude

There's a Song in the Air

– arr. Justin Reeve

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

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