

Order of Service at the United Reformed Church
September 14, 2025 9:30 a.m.

APPROACHING GOD

Prelude *Prayer* Guilmant
(A time of silence to prepare our hearts to worship; please silence your cell phone)

Salutation
Grace and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Call to Worship
Come, people of God, to this place of grace.
We come, humbled by God’s mercy, lifted by God’s love.
The Lord calls us not to boast in strength, but to walk in gentleness.
We will follow the way of Christ, who humbled Himself and was exalted.
Let us worship the One who teaches us the power of humility.
We come to honor Christ with our lives!

*Opening Hymn (#455 Blue Book) I Am Thine, O Lord
Call to Confession
Pride clings to us like a stubborn shadow. We often seek our own way rather than God’s. Yet God’s mercy invites us to lay down our pride and receive grace. Let us confess together:

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, we confess that we are often more concerned with being right than being righteous, more eager to be honored than to honor others, more focused on being first than being faithful. Forgive us for the ways we have resisted Your call to humility. Teach us to serve as Christ served, to listen as Christ listened, and to love as Christ loved. Amen. (a moment for silent confession)

Words of Assurance
Hear the good news: Christ came not to condemn the world but to save it. In Him, pride is dismantled and grace abounds.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed, and made whole. Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Gracious God, quiet every voice but Yours. Open our hearts to receive Your Word, that we may walk humbly, love mercy, and do justice. In Christ’s name we pray.
Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 2:12-17

The Word of God, for the People of God!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon The Power of Humility

RESPONDING TO GOD
Hymn of Response (#454 Blue Book) Trust and Obey
Please Remain Seated

*Affirmation of Faith (Belhar Confession)

Offertory Meditation from “Thais” Massenet, arr. Arthur Wildman
Elizabeth Hyde, flute

*Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of The People and The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Hymn (Insert) Standing on the Promises

*Benediction

Go now, clothed in humility and strengthened by grace.
We will walk as Christ walked, serving with joy.
Let the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the power of the Spirit be with you

always.
Amen.

Postlude *Voluntary*

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Our Invitation

Welcome to United Reformed Church! As we join together in prayer, song, and praise to God, we pray that the blessings and fellowship you find here will enrich your life. *If you are physically able, an asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to stand.*
Bold text signifies opportunities for the congregation to read and respond responsively.

Pastor Office Hours: Wednesday 5-7 PM; Sunday 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
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