Albany
First United
Methodist Church

October 29, 2023

Rev. Alyssa Baker, Pastor

Eric McKirdy, Organist & Music Director

Current Worship Series

Worship Notes: Unison responses are in **bold type**. An asterisk (*) shows where you may stand if you wish.

Welcome!

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Prelude

Call to Worship Kirke Campbell

What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

What does God command of us?

To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.

Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.

Opening Prayer Kirke Campbell

Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in your sight, so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.

Passing the Peace Kirke Campbell

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Please turn to your neighbor and share signs of Christ's peace. Listen for Eric to lead us into our opening hymn.

***Hymn:** *How Firm a Foundation* UMH #529

Sermon: Returning to Our Roots - The Three Simple Rules - "Do Good" Pastor Alyssa (video)

***Hymn:** *We Are Called* TFWS #2172

Prayer Kirke Campbell

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn:** *Jesus, United by Thy Grace* UMH #561 verses 1, 2, 6

Closing Blessing Kirke Campbell

Postlude

Announcements:

— Pastor Alyssa will be on vacation until this Saturday, November 4.

— Charge Conference is coming up. It will be held on Monday, November 13th, at 6 p.m. in the chapel.

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