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**U2 Eucharist Seven: *You Broke the Bonds / You Loosed the Chains*
Saturday, March 13 | 6:00 PM**

— a communion worship service using the recorded music of Irish rock band U2.

We just might be able to hear God's voice rise from an unexpected place — rock music. So said a youth member, who suggested that we participate in an emerging form of worship: a U2 Eucharist. With that prompt, our church embarked on a liturgical path marked with spiritual discoveries. Now several years later, we are hosting our seventh U2 Eucharist, which will include live music with vocalist Aasne Daniels and guitarist Tom Beverly — and liturgical dancers, the Beloved Dance Team of Living Word Fellowship Ministries in Springfield. A sampling of breads from around the world will be served after worship.

Dr. Clarice Ford, Associate Dean of Students at the University of Illinois and Executive Director of the Diversity Center, will proclaim the Word. Rev. Dr. Ford is the former pastor of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Rome, Georgia.

First Presbyterian Church does not approach the U2 Eucharist casually, even though the electronics and rock riffs might seem to call for unceremonious treatment. Instead of having a two-dimensional experience of hearing popular music without giving thought to its meaning, we make a pilgrimage within our sanctuary to worship, to listen, and to respond to the messages expressed in the lyrics: hospitality, compassion, and justice. The evening offering will be divided between One Great Hour of Sharing Haiti relief and Darfur Relief through Christian Solidarity International (CSI). Your presence this Saturday will literally save a human life.

First Presbyterian U2 Eucharists have raised over \$14,000 to alleviate extreme world poverty, and the challenge continues. Learn more about U2 Eucharists at First Presbyterian Church by visiting our U2 webpage.

Childcare will be provided for children under five years old. There is additional parking available in the city garage, which is next to the church on Capitol Ave. Enter from Sixth at Capitol.

** But I still haven't found what I'm looking for . . . You broke the bonds and you / Loosed the chains / You carried the cross / You took my shame / You took the blame, Lord / You know I believe it . . .*
— U2 lyrics, live from Mexico City: "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For"

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