

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 145)*

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.  
All: **I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and speak of the might of your wondrous acts.**  
One: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
All: **O Lord, you are loving to everyone,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**  
One: All your works praise you, O Lord.  
All: **They make known the glory of your reign.**  
One: O Lord, you are faithful in all your words  
and merciful in all your deeds.  
All: **The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**  
One: O Lord, you are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.  
All: **My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "O Lord My God" GtG 625 *(Verses 1-3)*

One: O Lord my God,  
All: **when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,**  
One: I see the stars,  
All: **I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**  
One: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art!  
All: **How great thou art!**  
One: When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,

**All:** when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:  
**One:** Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art!  
**All:** How great thou art!

**One:** And when I think that God,  
**All:** his Son not sparing,  
**One:** sent him to die,  
**All:** I scarce can take it in,  
**One:** that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
**All:** he bled and died to take away my sin:  
**One:** Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art!  
**All:** How great thou art!

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**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(based on Psalm 145)*

**Lord, we confess that you uphold all who are falling, raising up those who are bowed down. You give good things to all your creatures in due season. You are just in all your ways and kind in all your doings. Be near to us, Lord, as we call upon you, asking your forgiveness for what we have done and what we have left undone. Hear our cry, and save us, Father of all. Watch over us in love. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior.  
In Christ, we who are broken  
are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.  
**All:** Alleluia! Amen.

**\*THE PEACE**

**One:** The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All:** And also with you.

*(From your seat, a brief sign of peace may be shared: a wave of the hand, a nod of the head, etc.)*

**THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 14:13-21

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** “How To Give ... and Abundantly” by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Pastor:** O Lord, attend to our cry...  
**People:** ...give ear to our prayer.

**THE EUCHARIST**

**OFFERING**

*Invitation*

*Reflection*

*\*Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**O Lord, as you multiplied the fish beyond the vision of the apostles to feed the multitudes, we pray you will multiply us in our discipleship so that your love might be proclaimed to the ends of the earth. These things we pray in your name. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Invitation to the Lord's Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(The prayer continues...)*

*The Lord's Prayer* (Contemporary)

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Breaking of the Bread*

*Communion of the People*

*(Please hold the bread so that we might partake of it together, to remind us of our participation in this sacrament as a community. Please drink the cup as you are served, reminding us of our individual participation in this sacrament and our personal commitment to our Lord.)*

*Prayer*

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" GtG 707

One: Take thou our minds, dear Lord,

**All: we humbly pray;**

One: give us the mind of Christ each passing day;

**All: teach us to know the truth that sets us free;  
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.**

One: Take thou our hearts, O Christ,  
**All: they are thine own;**  
One: come thou within our souls and claim thy throne;  
**All: help us to shed abroad thy deathless love;**  
**use us to make the earth like heaven above.**

One: Take thou our wills, Most High!  
**All: Hold thou full sway;**  
**have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;**  
One: guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;  
**All: guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.**

One: Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;  
**All: through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.**  
One: We yield ourselves to thee:  
**All: time, talents, all;**  
One: we hear,  
**All: and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.**

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#### **\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor: ...And let the gathered people of God say...  
**People: ...Amen.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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