

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, January 10, 2020

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**BAPTISM of the LORD**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come to worship the Lord our God, the creator of all the universe.

**All: We come to celebrate God's claim upon us and God's gift of love and life.**

One: We come, because we are invited to come.

**All: So come, let us worship the Lord.**

**\*OPENING HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" GtG 353**

One: My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

**All: I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

One: On Christ,

**All: the solid Rock,**

One: I stand;

all other ground is sinking sand;

**All: all other ground is sinking sand.**

One: When darkness seems to hide his face,

**All: I rest on his unchanging grace;**

One: in every high and stormy gale,

**All: my anchor holds within the veil.**

One: His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;

**All: when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.**

One: When he shall come with trumpet sound,

**All: O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,**

**faultless to stand before the throne.**

One: On Christ,

**All: the solid Rock,**

One: I stand;

all other ground is sinking sand;

**All: all other ground is sinking sand.**

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**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Most wondrous and merciful God, we praise your name even as we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In this is love, that God gives us the gift of Jesus Christ to remind us of the truth of Immanuel: that God is with us.

**All: So rejoice and be glad, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven; in Jesus Christ we are loved -- always.**

**\*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 READINGS** Mark 1:9-11  
Matthew 28:18-20  
I Corinthians 11:23-26

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** "Oath of Identity and Life" by Pastor Bill Vincent

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor: Give strength, O Lord,...

**People: ...and bless us with peace.**

## SERVICE FOR THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

*\*The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERING

*Invitation*

*Reflection*

*\*Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**Dearest God, we pledge ourselves to you as you have pledged yourself  
to us. Receive the gifts we offer as signs of our commitment to following in  
your way. Use them, and us, to spread the word of your love and  
faithfulness. In Christ's name we pray. 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 (Traditional)*

**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 debts,  
    as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
    and the power, and the glory,  
    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 “I Bind My Heart This Tide”**

One: I bind my heart this tide  
    to the Galilean’s side,

**All: to the wounds of Calvary,  
    to the Christ who died for me.**

One: I bind my soul this day  
    to the neighbor far away,

**All: And the stranger near at hand  
    in this town, and in this land.**

One: I bind my heart and soul  
    to the God, the Lord of all,

**All: to the God, the poor one's Friend,  
    and the Christ whom God did send.**

One: I bind myself to peace,  
    to make strife and envy cease,

**All: My God, fasten sure the cord  
    of my service to the Lord!**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor:           ...And let the gathered people of God say...

**People:       ...Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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