

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on I Samuel 3)*

One: The one who calls you together this day  
yearns for each of you and for all people to hear  
and be blessed.

**All: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

One: Blessed is the One who comes bringing  
trustworthy words  
for the healing of the world.

**All: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

**OPENING HYMN** “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” GtG 663

One: Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
your daily stage of duty run;

**All: shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay your morning sacrifice.**

One: Lord, I my vows to you renew.

**All: Disperse my sins as morning dew;**

One: guard my first springs of thought and will,

**All: and with yourself my spirit fill.**

One: Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
all I design or do or say,

**All: that all my powers, with all their might,  
in your sole glory may unite.**

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**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, our lives are an open book to you. Whenever we have broken a solemn trust, whenever we have acted on selfish impulse, whenever we have trampled the feelings of others or ignored their need, you have noticed. Help us to**

recognize in ourselves what you have seen there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging our sin. Awaken in us a sorrow over the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. With your love and care, create in us an earnest desire to change. And by your grace, re-create us in the image of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from I John 1)*

One: “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and God’s word is not in us.”

All: **“If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing.”**

One: By confessing our sins we speak the truth, trusting in God’s grace and mercy. So let us hear and proclaim the good news...

All: **...For in Jesus Christ we are restored and forgiven. 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 READINGS I Sam.3:1–10  
John 1:43–51

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Ear Wax and Sleepy Dust” by Pastor Bill Vincent

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions)

## **ORDINATION and INSTALLATION of ELDERS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor: God of grace...  
People: ...hear our prayer.

### **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.

### **OFFERING**

*Invitation*

*Reflection*

*\*Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**O God, you nourish us by the outpouring of your love. You  
strengthen us with your enlivening Spirit. Our bodies are sustained by your**

goodness and power. You are the source of every good act we perform and of every talent we possess. These gifts we offer are but a portion of what you give us in abundance. Accept them as signs of our thanksgiving. Use them, and us, to be Christ's healing and transforming presence for your church and for your world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" GtG 451

One: Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.

**All: Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.**

One: Silently now

**All: I wait for thee,**

One: ready, my God,

**All: thy will to see.**

One: Open my eyes;

**All: illumine me, Spirit divine!**

One: Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear.

**All: And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.**

One: Silently now

**All: I wait for thee,**

One: ready, my God,

**All: thy will to see.**

One: Open my ears;

**All: illumine me, Spirit divine!**

One: Open my mouth,

**All: and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere.**

One: Open my heart,

**All: and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.**

One: Silently now

**All: I wait for thee,**

One: ready, my God,

**All: thy will to see.**

One: Open my heart;

**All: illumine me, Spirit divine!**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

**People: ...Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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