

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God!
All: **The whole universe is subject to God's power.**
One: Creation continues as the universe expands.
All: **God rules all time and space, yet cares about us.**
One: We lift up our eyes to see God's wonders.
All: **We open our ears to receive God's message.**

***OPENING HYMN "This Is My Father's World" GtG 370**

One: This is my Father's world,
All: **and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.**
One: This is my Father's world;
All: **I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.**

One: This is my Father's world.
All: **O, let me ne'er forget**
One: that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
All: **God is the ruler yet.**
One: This is my Father's world.
The battle is not done:
All: **Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.**

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Dear God, you demonstrate your power to provide and protect,
yet still we find it hard to trust you.**

You call us with tenderness,
yet we turn away.
You offer us life,
yet we deem the price too high.
Forgive us, gracious Lord.
Touch us with your love
that our hard hearts may melt
and our stubbornness may evaporate,
and your new life may be given birth within us,
to the glory of your name
and for the fulfillment of your purposes.
For we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from II Corinthians 5)*

One: The good news is this: that "God was in Christ reconciling the world to God, not counting our sins against us."

All: **"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"**

One: So rejoice and be glad.

All: **For in Jesus Christ we are renewed, we are loved, we are forgiven.**

***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 Isaiah 40:12-31

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Have WE?" by Pastor Bill Vincent

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: We lift up our hearts to you, O God.
People: **In your mercy and glory, hear our prayer.**

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**For the goodness and abundance of your gifts, we give you thanks, O Lord.
For the beauty of creation and the joy of living, we give you thanks.
Accept the offering of our gratitude
that we might be strengthened in our faith.
Accept the offering of our gifts and ourselves
that your bounty may be shared
and your love spread throughout the world.
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. Please drink the cup as you are served.)

Prayer

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Wherever I May Wander”

One: Wherever I may wander,
All: wherever I may be,
One: I'm certain of my Maker's love;
All: God's care is over me.
One: God made the great high mountains,
and made the wide blue sea;
**All: God made the sky where airplanes fly;
God made the world, and me.**

One: Throughout the whole creation
I see God's loving care
for everyone in every land,
God's children everywhere.
**All: Wherever I may wander,
wherever I may be,
I'm certain of my Maker's love;
God's care is over me.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

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