

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

TWELFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is good to give thanks to God!
All: **Declare God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**
One: God knows our troubles and remembers our need.
All: **God will respond when we call.**
One: Listen for the voice of God, speaking to us again.
All: **How great is our God, our rock and defender!**

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

Forgive us, O God, for leading surface lives. We judge others too quickly by the color of their skin or clothes that they wear. We form our opinions by our first impressions without bothering to learn more. We make quick decisions on inadequate information. We only scratch the surface of your word, failing to discover the riches just below the surface. Forgive us, gracious God. Grant us the

patience to learn and understand more fully. Grant us the vision to look below the surface and see things as they really are. Help us to dig into your word, to mine the riches of your guidance and instruction. Enable us to perceive the full character of others, that we might know and love them even as we are known and loved. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 READINGS I Samuel 16:1-13
II Corinthians 4:5-12

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Runt of the Litter” 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: Lord, in your mercy...
People: ...hear our prayer.

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.

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

Unison Prayer of Dedication

We thank you, great God, for your tenderness and understanding. You care for us and lift us up. You teach us and nurture us. You are kind to us even in our failings. You are patient with us even in our ignorance. As you have blessed us, so make us a blessing for others. May we offer strength to the weak, understanding to the misunderstood, compassion to the mistreated, friendship to the abandoned. Use us and our gifts to spread the news of your love in word and deed. Make us instruments of your will and your way. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" GtG 816

- 1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that nought can move.**

2. **Only be still, and wait God's leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure
and all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear
to One who holds us always dear.**

3. **Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace;
so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
the soul secured by trust indeed.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

People: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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