

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 31)*

One: "I come to you, Lord, for protection. Save me, I pray!"
All: **"Be my refuge to protect me, my defense to save me."**
One: "You are my refuge and defense. Guide me and lead me as you have promised."
All: **"I place myself in your care, O Lord."**
One: "Be strong, be courageous, all you that hope in the Lord."
All: **Let us worship the Lord our God, our refuge and our strength.**

***OPENING HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" GtG 275

One: A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
All: **Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.**
One: For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
All: **His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

One: Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
All: **were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.**
One: Dost ask who that may be?
All: **Christ Jesus, it is he.**
One: Lord Sab-a-oth his name,
from age to age the same,
All: **and he must win the battle.**

One: And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,

**All: we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.**

One: The Prince of Darkness grim,

All: we tremble not for him.

One: His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.

All: One little word shall fell him.

One: That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.

**All: The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.**

One: Let goods and kindred go,

All: this mortal life also.

One: The body they may kill;

All: God's truth abideth still.

Unison: His kingdom is forever.

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dearest God, we confess that our strength is unequal to the task of life before us. Faced with decisions to be made, we cannot find our way through the mire of choices and options. The strength we need to carry on is lacking on our own. The confidence we need to do our best is often absent when we need it most. Forgive us our weakness and our lack of faith in you. Touch us by your Spirit that we might be transformed as your faithful people. Grant us grace and courage that we might follow in your way and work to do your will. In the name of your faithful Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In the strength of the Lord Almighty we confide.

All: In the mercy of God we trust.

One: By the power of God we are restored.

All: By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ we are renewed.

One: So rejoice and celebrate this day!

All: For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are loved, we are given new life. 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 I Samuel 17 (selected verses)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Choose Your Weapons" 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.**

**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!"**

**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: Saving God...

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*

O God, with food to renew us, homes to shelter us, and relationships to restore us, we are blessed time and time again by the abundance of these your gifts to us. And we give you thanks. Guide us as we give in gratitude, “serving you whom we adore” with our offerings, our abilities, and our lives. For it is in Christ’s name that we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN “Lead On, O King Eternal!” GtG 269**

- 1. Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.**
- 2. Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.**
- 3. Lead on, O King eternal:**

**we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

People: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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