

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

TENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come as God's people to give thanks and praise.
All: We come as God's people to learn and to grow.
One: We come because of God's call and our deep need.
All: So come, let us worship the Lord our God.

OPENING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" GtG 643

One: Now thank we all our God
All: with heart and hands and voices,
One: who wondrous things hath done,
All: in whom this world rejoices;
One: who, from our mothers' arms,
All: hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

One: O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
All: with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
One: and keep us in God's grace,
All and guide us when perplexed,
One: and free us from all ills
All: in this world and the next.

One: All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
All: to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:

One: the one eternal God,
**All: whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Help us, we ask you, O God. The paths we have to choose are not clear. The decisions we have to make are muddled by our own selfishness and fear. You call to us, offering your guidance; yet too often we do not listen. Even when your way be clear, we choose another and go our own way. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Renew in us the heart-felt desire to love and serve you. Open our hearts to the guidance of your Spirit. And grant us the courage to follow the path you show us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from I John 1)*

One: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us."

All: "If we confess our sins, the one who is faithful and just 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 forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

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 8:1-11, 16-22

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Messy Living" by Pastor Bill Vincent

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

Unison Prayer of Dedication

We are glad, O God, that you stand with us through the good times and the bad times in life. Make us ever aware of your presence. Make us ever mindful of your guidance. And make us ever grateful for your sustaining grace and power. Accept the offering of our gifts and ourselves, that your work of love, mercy, and peace might be done through us. For it is in Christ's name that 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 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” GtG 541

One: God be with you till we meet again;

All: loving counsels guide, uphold you,

One: with a shepherd's care enfold you:

All: God be with you till we meet again.

One: Unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:

All: God be with you till we meet again.

One: When life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:

All: God be with you till we meet again.

One: Keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:

All: God be with you till we meet again.

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

People: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Pastor Bill will be on Study Leave this coming week, including next Sunday, June 13th. We recommend you check out the following for online worship opportunities (in lieu of our own in-person worship):

St Mark's Presbyterian Church, Ballwin MO
www.discoverstmark.org
Click on Livestream Worship Services – 10:00 am

Southminster Presbyterian Church, Crestwood MO
www.southminsterstlouis.org
Scroll down to This Week's Service – 10:00 am

John Knox Presbyterian Church, Florissant MO
Worship at 9:30 am - Facebook page:
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