

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come away and rest for a while.  
Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.  
**All: We have come for relief from life's turmoil.  
God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep.**  
One: God's steadfast love surrounds us here.  
**All: We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.**

**\*OPENING HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" GtG 187**

One: Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
**All: much we need your tender care.**  
One: In your pleasant pastures feed us;  
**All: for our use your fold prepare.**  
One: Blessed Jesus,  
**All: you have bought us: we are yours.**

One: We are yours:  
**All: in love befriend us;  
be the guardian of our way.**  
One: Keep your flock:  
**All: from sin defend us;  
seek us when we go astray.**  
One: Blessed Jesus,  
**All: hear your children when we pray.**

One: You have promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
**All: you have mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse, and power to free.**  
One: Blessed Jesus,  
**All: early let us turn to you.**

One: Early let us seek your favor;  
**All: early let us do your will.**  
One: Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
**All: with your love our spirits fill.**  
One: Blessed Jesus,  
**All: you have loved us, love us still.**

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**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Savior God, trusting in your rich mercy, we come before you to confess that we have not followed where you have led, we have not become the people you intend. For our stubbornness in going our own way and not yours, we ask your forgiveness. For our refusal to heed your call, we ask your forgiveness. For our unwillingness to reach out in love, we ask your forgiveness. By the power of your love, restore us as your people. Through the working of your Spirit, transform us into your servants. In the image of your Son, renew us as your children. For it is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful!  
**All: God shows great and steadfast love to us.**  
One: The promise of our faith is that  
whoever turns to Jesus Christ  
will never hunger for forgiveness  
and that which gives life to the world.  
**All: Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.**  
One: That is a promise of joy and of peace.  
Let us share that peace with one another.

**\*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** Mark 6:30-44  
John 6 (selected)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** “Picnic Spirit” by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Apostles' Creed)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE EUCHARIST**

**OFFERING**

*Invitation*

*Reflection*

*\*Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**Thank you for your tenderness to us, O God. You provide for us in so  
many ways, and we are grateful. Use these offerings that we bring before  
you now, so that through them and us, others may be cared for even as we  
have been cared for. 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. You may drink the cup as soon as you are served.)

“Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed” GtG 496

One: Bread of heaven,  
**All: on thee we feed,  
for thou art our food indeed.**  
One: Ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living Bread,  
**All: day by day with strength supplied  
through the life of Christ who died.**

One: Vine of heaven,  
**All: thy love supplies  
this blest cup of sacrifice.**  
One: 'Tis thy wounds our healing give;  
**All: to thy cross we look and live.**  
One: Thou our life!  
**All: O let us be  
rooted, grafted, built on thee.**

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*Prayer*

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “We Come as Guests Invited” GtG 504

**1. We come as guests invited  
when Jesus bids us dine,  
his friends on earth united  
to share the bread and wine;**

**the bread of life is broken;  
the wine is freely poured  
for us, in solemn token  
of Christ our dying Lord.**

**2. We eat and drink, receiving  
from Christ the grace we need,  
and in our hearts believing  
on him by faith we feed;  
with wonder and thanksgiving  
for love that knows no end,  
we find in Jesus living  
our ever-present friend.**

**3. One bread is ours for sharing,  
one single fruitful vine,  
our fellowship declaring  
renewed in bread and wine:  
renewed, sustained, and given  
by token, sign, and word,  
the pledge and seal of heaven,  
the love of Christ our Lord.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

**People:** ...Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

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