

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from II Corinthians 13 & Psalm 118)*

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***OPENING HYMN** "O Day of Rest and Gladness" GtG 393

One: O day of rest and gladness,

All: O day of joy and light,

One: O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright;

**All: on you, the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,**

One: sing "Holy, holy, holy"

All: to the great God triune.

One: On you, at earth's creation
the light first had its birth;

**All: on you, for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;**

One: on you, our Lord victorious
sent Spirit forth from heaven.

**All: And thus on you, most glorious,
a triple light was given.**

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We come before you, holy God,

to lay bare our hearts and confess our sin.
Instead of acknowledging you as our God,
we make our own idols.
Instead of proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Lord,
we proclaim ourselves.
Instead of seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
we prefer to follow our own counsel.
Forgive us, gracious God.
Redirect our wrong ways
and lead us to the ways you intend and command.
Guide our feet
to walk in the ways of faithfulness.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: By the grace of God, through the power of the Spirit, in Jesus Christ we
are forgiven.

All: **In Christ we have died to our old selves and have become new
creations.**

One: Therefore we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord. May the life of Jesus be
manifest in us.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***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 Mark 2:23-3:6

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON 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.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**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 of life...
People: ...hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Contemporary)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

For Sabbath rest, and all other gifts that sustain us in life, we thank you, O God. We offer our lives and the fruit of our labors to you. Enhance all our efforts, and multiply their effectiveness, that we may proclaim the life of Jesus Christ, and make his work visible in the world. We dedicate our gifts, and ourselves, in response to your goodness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" GtG 169

- 1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.**
- 2. In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.**
- 3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!**
- 4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.**

**5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

People: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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