

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, let us worship the Lord our God.
All: **Let us give thanks and glory to the giver of all good gifts.**
One: Let us rejoice in the Lord's wonderful love and care.
All: **Let us worship the Lord our God.**

***OPENING HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" GtG 14

One: For the beauty of the earth,
All: **for the glory of the skies,**
One: for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
All: **Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

One: For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
All: **hill and vale,**
One: and tree and flower,
All: **sun and moon,**
One: and stars of light:
All: **Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

One: For the joy of ear and eye,
All: **for the heart and mind's delight,**
One: for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:
All: **Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

One: For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,

All: friends on earth, and friends above,
One: for all gentle thoughts and mild:
All: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

One: For thyself, best gift divine
 to the world so freely given;
All: for that great, great love of thine,
One: peace on earth and joy in heaven:
All: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, have mercy on us,
for we have failed to be faithful to you,
though you have been faithful to us.
You show us your wisdom,
but we prefer to go our own way.
We have not followed your will,
but instead heed other voices
and pursue our own desires at the expense of others.
Our broken relationships with you and one another
have created poverty in us and our neighbors.
We are so misguided that we cannot discern
good from evil,
making the wrong choice,
choosing the wrong side.
We ask for the courage to tell you truthfully
what we have done.
We pray for forgiveness
so that we can live with ourselves,
with others,
and with you.
You alone can restore us.
In steadfast love, look upon us
and re clothe us in your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart.
When we call, God hears us; when we confess,
God forgives us.

All: We believe and so we proclaim: In Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.

Unison: 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 3:20-35

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Inside or Outside? Upside-Down or Right-Side-Up?” 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 God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**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: Lord, in your mercy...
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*

In the spirit of faith, Great God, we come before you to offer our gifts
and ourselves, ready and eager to extend your grace to others. In
amazement at the work of your hands, we reach out our hands to help others
and invite them to join us. Continue to fashion us until we conform to your
will for us. Equip us through Christ, and make us useful as agents of your
all-embracing love. In his name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?” StF 2225

**1. Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.**

**2. Differently abled, differently labeled
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
Crutches and stigmas, cultures’ enigmas
all come together round Jesus Christ.**

**3. Love will relate us – color or status
can’t segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
Family failings, human derailings –
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.**

**4. Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
Here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

People: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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