

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 103)*

One: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name."

All: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits —"

One: "who forgives all your iniquity,"

All: "who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy."

Unison: So come, let us worship the Lord our God!

OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" GtG 1

One: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All: Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

One: Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

All: God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

One: Holy, holy, holy!

**All: all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**

One: cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

One: Holy, holy, holy!

**All: though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,**

One: only thou art holy;

**All: there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

One: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All: All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

One: Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

All: God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of holiness and wonder,
we confess our sins and pray for your help
so that we can truly repent and turn from evil.
Forgive us
for the times when we have failed
to follow your guidance,
submit to your rule,
or glory in your majesty.
Deliver us from the temptation
to hide from you, to lie to you, or to excuse ourselves
because of the harm we have done to others.
Grow in us a deeper desire
to love Christ with the fullness of your love,
and to glorify him, along with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.**

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from Psalm 103)*

One: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."
All: **"The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities."**
One: "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere God."
All: **"As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us."**
One: Rejoice in God's greatness and grace toward us!
All: **For in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

***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 II Samuel 11

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Truth, Consequences...and Pandora’s Box” 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

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*

We rejoice with thanksgiving for all we have received, O God.

Bless what we offer

so that we can follow where Christ leads.

Multiply the gifts we give

for the service of the kingdom,

so that the world may more deeply know

fullness of life in you. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Just as I Am, without One Plea” GtG 442

1. **Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**
2. **Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**
3. **Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**
4. **Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

People: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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