

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 36)*

- One: "How precious is the steadfast love of God." If you are discouraged by  
the way your life is going,...
- All: ...come worship the God of Hope.**
- One: Come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.
- All: With steadfast love, God calls our names.**
- One: Our God is ever present to strengthen and sustain us.
- All: Come, let us worship our loving God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" GtG 645

- One: Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,
- All: the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.**
- One: With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:
- All: to God all praise and glory!**
- One: What God's almighty power has made  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
- All: by morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.**
- One: Within the kingdom of God's might,  
lo! all is just and all is right:
- All: to God all praise and glory!**
- One: The Lord is never far away,  
but,
- All: through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay,  
our peace and joy and blessing,**
- One: as with a mother's tender hand

God gently leads the chosen band:  
**All: to God all praise and glory!**

One: Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
**All: that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.**  
One: Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
**All: both soul and body, take your part:**  
**Unison: to God all praise and glory!**

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**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and Almighty God,  
you alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.  
You love us, but we have not loved you.  
You call, but we have not listened.  
We walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
Forgive our sins,  
and help us to live in your light,  
and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from I John 4 & Luke 2)*

One: “In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent  
God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him.”  
**All: This is indeed “good news of great joy for all the people.”**  
One: So rejoice and be glad, for in Jesus Christ we are loved, in Jesus Christ we  
are accepted, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**All: “Glory to God in the highest heaven!”**

**\*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** Isaiah 62:1-5

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*HYMN** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” GtG 611

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
  
2. All thy works with joy surround thee;  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in Thee.
  
3. Mortals, join the happy chorus  
which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

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**\*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: Lord, in your mercy...  
People: ...hear our prayer.

#### **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*

**O God, accept our offerings of thanksgiving for your faithfulness toward us, and use them and us to be instruments of your never-failing love for all your people. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “May the God of Hope Go with Us” GtG 765

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

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