

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: With heart and soul and voices we come to worship.  
All: **We seek to love and serve the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and strength and mind.**  
One: So come to give thanks and praise.  
All: **We come to rejoice in the goodness of the Lord our God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Lead On, O King Eternal!" GtG 269

One: Lead on, O King eternal!  
All: **The day of march has come;**  
One: henceforth in fields of conquest  
your tents shall be our home.  
All: **Through days of preparation**  
**your grace has made us strong,**  
One: and now, O King eternal,  
All: **we lift our battle song.**

One: Lead on, O King eternal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
All: **and holiness shall whisper**  
**the sweet amen of peace;**  
One: for not with swords' loud clashing,  
nor roll of stirring drums;  
All: **with deeds of love and mercy**  
**the heavenly kingdom comes.**

One: Lead on, O King eternal:  
All: **we follow, not with fears,**  
One: for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er your face appears;  
All: **your cross is lifted o'er us;**  
One: we journey in its light.

**All: The crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might!**

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**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We come to worship, O God, relishing your goodness and dependent upon your grace. We also come honestly to confess who we are. We give up all too easily when life becomes difficult. We fail to heed your instructions or follow in your way. We are easily distracted and run off after other “gods” and goals. Forgive us, merciful God. Restore us to you and reclaim us as your own. Renew us by your Spirit and remake us in the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** We remind ourselves of the good news we have heard and in which we believe: that the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in constant love.

**All:** **If we confess our sins, God is quick to forgive and to restore us to new life.**

**One:** So let us rejoice and be glad, proclaiming once again the good news.

**All:** **That in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen! Alleluia!**

**\*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** I Corinthians 9:24-27

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** “Aiming for the Finish Line...Or a Perfect Quad Toe Loop” by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*HYMN** “Fight the Good Fight” GtG 846 (*verses 1-3*)

- 1. Fight the good fight with all thy might.  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
thy joy and crown eternally.**

2. **Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**
  
3. **Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.  
God's boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

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### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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.  
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!"**

*(from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions)*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Pastor:** Hear us, O God...  
**People:** ...your mercy is great.

### **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*

**Thank you, God, for leading us and walking with us along life's way.  
We offer our gifts in gratitude for your gracious presence and provision. Use  
them, and us, to share your abundance and proclaim your love. In Christ's  
name we pray. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Guide My Feet" GtG 741 (*verses 1, 3, 4, 6*)

- 1. Guide my feet while I run this race;  
guide my feet while I run this race;  
guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**
  
- 3. Stand by me while I run this race;  
stand by me while I run this race;  
stand by me while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**
  
- 4. I'm your child while I run this race;  
I'm your child while I run this race;  
I'm your child while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**
  
- 6. Guide my feet while I run this race;  
guide my feet while I run this race;  
guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

**People: ...Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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