

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice and be glad!

All: For God is our salvation.

One: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: Lord, we will praise you as long as we live!

***OPENING HYMN** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" GtG 667

1. **When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**
2. **Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**
3. **Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**
4. **Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song**

**through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, our strength and savior,
you know our great transgressions,
our hidden faults, our secret sins.
We are blind to our own brokenness,
yet focused on the failings of others.
We are deaf to the cries of those who need us,
numb to the need of those who hurt.
We are silent when words are needed,
impotent when action is required.
With our hands we grasp at power;
with our feet we stumble into evil;
with our eyes we look out for ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God;
hear our anguish,
pity our brokenness,
speak life and forgiveness
to our weary souls.
And lead us in your holy way
of life and love and peace;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Sisters and brothers,
rejoice and be glad,
for God is mighty to save,
and loves in such a way,
that we are restored to health and to wholeness.

**All: In Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven and restored.
Thanks be to God!**

One: As God's forgiven people,
receive this goodness and mercy,
and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

***THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

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 READINGS Matthew 26:6-13
James 5:13-16

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON by Pastor Bill Vincent

***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.
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!"**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Pour out your healing grace, O Lord...
People: ...fill us with your light and life.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**In gratitude, O God, we come to your table,
into your presence, into your house.
For all that you have done for us,
most especially for your gift of Jesus Christ,
we offer our thanks and praise.
And we offer our gifts and ourselves.
Direct us as we work each day,
that our gifts and our lives
may mirror your goodness and grace
to the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN** “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” GtG 494 (*Verses 1-3*)

- 1. Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.**
- 2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good,
to them that find thee, all in all.**
- 3. We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
(The prayer continues...)

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(With the passing of the bread, please wait until all have been served so that we might partake of it together, to remind us of our participation in this sacrament as a community.)

(With the passing of the cup, please drink the cup as you are served as an expression of our personal commitment to our Lord.)

Prayer

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** "More Love to Thee, O Christ" GtG 828

- 1. More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!**
- 2. Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek;**

give what is best.
**This all my prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!**

3. **Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise.
This still its prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

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