

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

THIRD SUNDAY in LENT

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord; praise God, O my soul!
All: **Let us praise God as long as we live.**
One: God alone is worthy of our devotion;
All: **we will sing praise to God all our life long.**
One: Happy are those whose hope is in God,
All: **who labor in steadfast faith and love.**
One: Grace to you and peace, from God whose care we know.
All: **We worship now, giving to God all that belongs to God.**

***OPENING HYMN** “Great God of Every Blessing” GtG 694

1. **Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.**

2. **Your Word is our salvation,
the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending
your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body;
each member has a part:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.**

3. **Your Spirit is our teacher,
the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people**

**into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy,
for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.**

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves
and clamor after privilege and honor.
Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze
because we do not believe we have anything to give.
Forgive us, Lord, and by your grace
restore in us the image of your face.
Heal what we have broken,
nurture what we have neglected,
and lead us to your vision,
so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you;
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: By God's grace, we are empowered to recognize and live by new
priorities.
All: **We can set aside the distractions that rob life of its true purpose. God
lifts up those who are bowed down and redirects those who have
followed destructive paths.**
One: Receive God's forgiveness, and rejoice in God's love.
All: **Amen.**

***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 READINGS Mark 12:13-17
Mark 12:41-44

Matthew 26:14-16

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “A Tale of Two Coins” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord” GtG 707

1. **Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.**
2. **Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
come thou within our souls and claim thy throne;
help us to shed abroad thy deathless love;
use us to make the earth like heaven above.**
3. **Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;
guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.**
4. **Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain**

and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

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: O Lord, hear our prayer...
People: ...in your mercy, by your grace.

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, you give us life; you are the source of every blessing.
These offerings are but a token of our gratitude to you.
Increase our generosity,
expand the effectiveness of our giving,
and strengthen all who are reached by our caring.
In this world you love,
use our offerings, and us, to work your will.
And let all we say and do be to your glory.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" GtG 716

1. **God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.**

2. **Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.**

3. **Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

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