

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's saving acts were experienced by our ancestors,
and God continues to act in our own day.

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

One: God is mighty in word and deed.

All: God's mercy is everlasting.

One: Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,

All: for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

One: Let the faithful sing for joy.

***OPENING HYMN** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" GtG 305

1. **Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**
2. **Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**
3. **Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**
4. **Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of our life's journey,
we confess that we have not been faithful pilgrims.
We have not served you with sincere hearts
nor trusted in your saving power.
We have pursued futile plans, without seeking your guidance.
We have resisted the way you would have us go.
We have forsaken you, the living God,
and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols
of worldly power and wealth.
Forgive us our sin, O God.
Lead us to heartfelt repentance
that we may honor you with our lips
and serve you faithfully with our lives;
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:
God so loves us
in that while we were yet sinners
Jesus took up his cross for our salvation.
All: **God so loves us
as to bathe us with grace
and feed us with mercy
and forgive us our sins.**
One: Confident in the love of God,
know that you are forgiven and be at peace,
with God and with one another.

***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 Exodus 3:1-6
Ephesians 6:10-17

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Off? or On? How 'bout Both!" by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" GtG 775

1. **I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

2. **In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

3. **When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**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!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Holy God...
People: ...guide us in your way,
grant us your peace.

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*

Almighty God,
we dedicate ourselves to serve you,
for you alone are our God.
Receive, O God, the gifts we offer,
and with these gifts accept the offering of our lives;
that we may express your steadfast love
and impart your sustaining strength to all those in need;
through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** "Come! Live in the Light!" GtG 749

1. Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy
and the love of the Lord!
We are called
to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom
of the city of God.

**We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

2. Come! Open your heart!

**Show your mercy
to all those in fear!**

**We are called
to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence
will be no more.**

**We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

3. Sing! Sing a new song!

**Sing of that great day
when all will be one!**

**God will reign,
and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers
united in love.**

**We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

One: God's steadfast love is with us wherever we go.

All: The God our ancestors trusted has a mission for us.

One: God sees the misery of many in the midst of abundance.

All: God sends us to our sisters and brothers in need.

One: So, time to put on our shoes!

to live daily in God's realm, with confidence and hope.

All: to love and serve as God's people in the world.

One: And may the blessing of God, who delivers us,
the grace of Christ, who sustains us,
and the communion of the Spirit, who empowers us,
be with you always.

And let the gathered people of God say...

All: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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