

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

FIRST SUNDAY in LENT

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, people of God, to be refreshed and renewed for the journey of life.
All: We come to embrace the one who embraces us.
One: Come, people of God, to hear again the call to discipleship.
All: We come to hear God speak and to relish the presence of the Lord.
One: Come, people of God, come.
All: We come in joy to worship the Lord.

***OPENING HYMN** “Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days” GtG 166 (*Verses 1-3*)

One: Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
**All: teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.**

One: As you with Satan did contend
and did the victory win,
**All: O give us strength to persevere,
in you to conquer sin.**

One: And through these days of penitence,
All: and through this Passiontide,
One: yes, evermore, in life and death,
All: O Lord, with us abide.

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God,
you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt us
and the things that give us life.
We have sought after things,
but we have not sought after you.**

**We have expected generosity,
but we have not shown generosity.
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care
and relying on our own cleverness.
Have mercy on us, we pray:
cover us with your grace,
feed us with the bread of life,
and re-create us in your image;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven and are reconciled to God!
Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy:
All: **for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

***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 Exodus 16:4-12

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: Lord, in your mercy...

People: ...hear our prayer.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

Gracious and Generous God,

we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance.

Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey.

Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined.

Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth.

Most especially, we give you thanks and praise

for the free and abundant gift of grace

you have given us in Jesus Christ.

Let the simple gifts of our lives

be a sign of our unending gratitude

for your undying love;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN** "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" GtG 498

1. Loaves were broken, words were spoken

by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,
was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

2. Loaves were broken, words were spoken
in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

3. Loaves are broken, words are spoken,
as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
“I am with you; do not fear!”
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

4. By the loaves you break and give us,
send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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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 (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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(With the passing of the bread, please wait until all have been served so that all may partake together, reflecting our unity in Christ.)

“Feed Us, Lord” GtG 501

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**1. Feed us, Lord.
Feed us, Lord.
In the broken bread,
be revealed again.
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.**

(With the passing of the cup, please partake as soon as received as an expression of our personal relationship with Christ.)

**2. Quench us, Lord.
Quench us, Lord.
On this thirsty ground,
may your love flow down.
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.**

Prayer

**4. Lead us, Lord.
Lead us, Lord,**

nourished here by Christ,
given strength for life.
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” GtG 509

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2. All who hunger, never strangers,
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

People: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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