

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**TWELFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Choose this day whom you will serve.  
All: **The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.**  
One: Cry aloud, and call upon God's name.  
All: **The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.**  
One: Declare God's glory among the nations.  
All: **The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.**  
One: Sing to the Lord, and bless God's name.  
All: **The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "O God Beyond All Praising" StF 2009

1. **O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

2. **Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

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**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord our God, we confess to you  
our unfaithfulness,  
our divided loyalties,  
our dancing around the truth.**

**We look for human approval  
instead of seeking to serve you.  
We answer to human authority  
instead of listening for your Word.  
Turn our hearts back to you.  
Consume our sin with holy fire  
and set us free to sing your praise. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: This is the gospel,  
the good news we have received:  
All: **that our Lord Jesus Christ loves us  
and gave his life  
to set us free from our sins.**  
One: Hear the good news!  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
All: **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** I Kings 18:1-2,17-40

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

“The Danger of Idolatry (in both directions)...and the Invitation”

by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*HYMN** “Come Down, O Love Divine” GtG 282

**1. Come down, O Love Divine;  
seek out this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near;  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.**

2. O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.  
And let your glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling.  
For none can guess God's grace,  
till Love creates a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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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 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:           Come, Lord...  
People:           ...claim us in your mercy.**

#### **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*

Lord of all we have and all we are,  
there is no one like you  
in heaven above or on the earth below.  
You are faithful to your promises,  
showing steadfast love to your people.  
Receive our offerings  
as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise.  
Let our lives bless others  
that they too may know  
that you are Lord of all they have and all they are;  
Let our gifts show forth to all the world  
the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” GtG 688 (*Verses 1, 3, & 5*)

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.
3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

5. **Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame;  
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

**People:** ...Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

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