

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 96)*

One: Let us give thanks to God throughout our days, with heart and hands and voices.

All: God is doing marvelous works among us.

One: Let us give praise to God with our lives.

All: God is with us and will answer our prayers.

One: For the Lord is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.

All: Let us worship together as God's people.

***OPENING HYMN** "Now Thank We All Our God" GtG 643

1. **Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

2. **O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

3. **All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:**

**the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.**

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God,
forgive us for claiming a faith we do not live.
We have not dared to trust you fully.
We have not expected your promises to be fulfilled among us.
We have guarded our own interests,
relied on limited understandings and lingering doubts,
and settled for a lukewarm relationship that we do little to cultivate.
O God, forgive us and draw us closer to you.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future where we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Amen**

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from I John 1)*

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
All: **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
One: In humility and faith, let us claim and proclaim the good news we know:
All: **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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION “Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet” GtG 458

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear**

**as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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SCRIPTURE READING Luke 7:1-10

SERMON “Say the Word...” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “How Firm a Foundation” GtG 463

1. **How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
2. **"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
3. **"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**
4. **"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**
5. **"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

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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.**

**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.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: God of grace and healing.
People: ...hear our prayer.

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 Lord our God, 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.
We rely on you for guidance along faith's journey.
You have sent Jesus to demonstrate
your healing love for all people;
and we seek to respond
in gratitude and faith
as disciples.
Receive the offering of our lives
to further the work
of your promises and presence
in our midst. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" GtG 829**

- 1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!**
- 2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!**
- 3. While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray**

from thee aside.

4. **When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

People: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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