

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, people of God, to seek and to serve.

All: **We come at God's bidding.
We come at God's invitation.**

One: We come to remember all that God has done for us.

All: **We come to celebrate all that God is doing among us.**

One: We come to commit to all that God intends to do through us.

All: **We come to give our worship and praise.**

***OPENING HYMN** "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" GtG 436

1. **God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,
giver of grace for our needs all-availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,
patience untiring and courage unailing.**

2. **Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling.
Wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us,
guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.**

3. **How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us,
you who the stars in their courses are guiding?
What shall we fear, with your power to protect us,
we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?**

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In your mercy, O Lord, you come to us and you claim us.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Forgive us for ignoring you.

Forgive us for dismissing you.

Forgive us for turning from you

and going our own direction.
By your grace,
return us to you and turn us to your way.
Renew within us our commitment
to claiming you and
following in your way of life and love.
For it is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Our hope is in the Lord our God,
who keeps faith with us forever.
All: **God's mercy is everlasting!**
And through Christ our sins are forgiven,
and we are given new life.
One: So let us awaken to the assurance of our pardon,
and arise to the promise of Christ's redeeming grace.

***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 Luke 7:11-17

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Life-Giving, from the Heart" by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" *Tune* GtG 490

1. **Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.**
2. **Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;**

**still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.**

**3. As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light,
in its height and depth and greatness,
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving,
your abundant life to share.**

**4. Called from worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

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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!"

**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 "O Christ, the Healer" GtG 793

1. *O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
when reached by love that never ends?*
2. *From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.*
3. *How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.*
4. *In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?*
5. *Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.*

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Pastor: Lord, in your mercy...
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*

**Accept our offerings we bring to you, O God.
Bless those who give them,
and so follow them with your blessing
that they may be used to do more than we could believe or imagine,
building a world of justice and healing,
peace and compassion,
and advancing your kingdom here on earth.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” StF 2241

- 1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.**
- 2. We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.**
- 3. We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.**
- 4. Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;**

we go in Jesus' name.

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

People: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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