

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

- One: We celebrate the good things of life that God provides.  
All: **We give thanks for God's steadfast love.**  
One: God comes to sustain and renew.  
All: **We come to acknowledge our dependence upon God and to give our thanks and praise.**  
One: The Lord is good to us.  
All: **Let us give thanks and sing.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" GtG 366

1. **Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.**
  
2. **Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**
  
3. **Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.**

Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4. **Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

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**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**You are wondrous, O God; you are great. Yet we are small. We are small-minded, thinking only of ourselves and failing to think of others. We are small-sighted, seeing only what we want to see and failing to see your work in the world. We are small-hearted, feeling only our pain and failing to sense the pain and loneliness of others. Forgive us, great and gracious God. Free us from the restrictions we place upon ourselves, and open us up to your power and possibilities. Grant us the courage to go where you would have us go and the faith to do what you would have us do. And in all things, may we rely upon you, trusting in your love and mercy. For it is in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

One: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us."

**All: "But if we confess our sins, God who keeps promises and does what is right, will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing."**

One: By confessing our sins we speak the truth, trusting in God's grace and mercy.

The grace of God is a free gift;  
there is nothing we can do to earn it.

**All: We receive it through faith,  
trusting in Christ's mercy.**

One: So let us hear and proclaim the good news...

**All: ...For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!**

**\*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 7:36-50

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** “Do You Need God?” by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*HYMN** “I Need Thee Every Hour” GtG 735

**1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.**

*Refrain:*

**I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to thee!**

**2. I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;  
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.**

*Refrain*

**3. I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.**

*Refrain*

**4. I need thee every hour, Most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed, thy blessed Son.**

*Refrain*

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Apostles' Creed)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

One: God of goodness and grace...  
All: ...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*

**We give you thanks, O God, for the great love that you have lavished upon us in Christ Jesus. You have blessed us and helped us far beyond our imagining or deserving. Help us to see more of the ways you touch us and guide us. Open our hearts in gratitude and our mouths in praise. Accept now our gifts of tithe and life. May they serve as a reminder to us that all that we have comes from you; may they serve as a heart-felt response of lives rededicated to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” GtG 649 (*Verses 1-4*)

1. **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**
  
2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**
  
3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**
  
4. **The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

One: ...And let the gathered people of God say...  
All: ...**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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