

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 5)*

One: In the morning, O Lord, you hear our prayers.
All: **In the light of this day we praise your name.**
One: Through the abundance of your steadfast love
you have gathered us into your house.
All: **In the holiness of your presence,
we bow down to worship and adore you.**

***OPENING HYMN** "This Is My Father's World" GtG 370

1. **This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.**
2. **This is my Father's world.
O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.**

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God,
you know what kind of people we are,
and that there is much for which we need to be forgiven.**

**We have coveted what belongs to others
while wasting what we have.
We are eager for personal gain,
even at another's expense.
We speak when we should keep silent
and are silent when we should speak.
Hear and be gracious to us!
Forgive us
and grant us your peace.
Pour out your grace upon us,
and help us to turn from our sins
so that we may love you
by joyfully caring for others. Amen.**

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: We live by faith in the Son of God who loves us and gives himself for us.
All: **Our sins are forgiven, and our lives are made whole.**
One: Christ sets us free with gifts of mercy, grace, and love.
All: **God forgives and makes our way straight before us.**
One: The love of God lives in us through faith in the grace of God.
All: **May we live by that grace, knowing the peace God offers.**

***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 21:1-21a

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Questions! Questions?" by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" GtG 435

**1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows**

are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

2. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: We beseech you, in your mercy...

People: ...attend to our prayer, O God.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

We give thanks, generous God, because we owe you more than we can ever repay. We give because we love you and want to show our devotion. We give because there are needs to be met among us and in other places where we cannot go. We give because we need to be generous in order to be whole. Loving God, bless all givers who provide for others out of their means, and multiply these resources in your service. Amen.

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.)

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

Prayer

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN “O God of Every Nation” GtG 756**

- 1. O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation
with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.**
- 2. From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.**
- 3. Lord, strengthen those who labor
that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,
your still small voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.**
- 4. Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious**

**when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

People: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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