

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come together to sing God's praises.
All: **We come to share the joy of the Lord.**
One: So come, brothers and sisters, come in joy and thanksgiving.
All: **We come to worship our Lord.**

***OPENING HYMN** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" GtG 267

1. **Come, Christians, join to sing:**
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!
2. **Come, lift your hearts on high:**
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!
3. **Praise yet our Christ again:**
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, we sing our ‘Alleluia’s...and we confess before you that we have sinned. We have passed by our neighbors, and ignored opportunities to show them mercy. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business. We have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our enemies and friends. We who have been taught the law of love practice instead the law of self-interest. Free us from our selfish ways; and forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ who came to bind up the wounds of all your people. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God of grace loves us unconditionally, restoring us to health and to wholeness.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: 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 Luke 10:25-37

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “The Parable of the Good S(teward)AMARITAN” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” GtG 716

- 1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,**

gracious donor of our days.

2. **Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.**
3. **Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

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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 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.

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

One: God of compassion...
All: ...hear our prayer.

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*

O marvelous Lord, we are grateful for your encompassing love. You provide for our every need. You minister to us through the community of faith, strengthening our bodies and spirits. As we have received from you and the hands of others, make us instruments of your love and grace. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “We Give Thee but Thine Own” GtG 708

1. **We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**
2. **May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.**
3. **The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace:
it is a Christ-like thing.**
4. **And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

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