

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is good and loving to the faithful.  
All: **Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.**  
One: God is good!  
All: **Praise the Lord!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show” GtG 33

1. **Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!  
saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!  
angels round the throne above, Alleluia!  
all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!**
2. **Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!  
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!  
Age to age, God’s mercies trace, Alleluia!  
Praise God’s providence and grace! Alleluia!**
3. **Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!  
in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!  
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!  
singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!**

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**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be**

**oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance. Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we may live as those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. Amen.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One:            Though we were once estranged,  
All:            **in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God.**  
One:            Rejoice in the redemption God provides!  
All:            **Now we can live in peace!**  
                  **Now we can live thankfully!**  
One:            For 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 10:38-42

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** “Distracted and Divided” by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*HYMN** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” [GtG 700]

1. **I'm gonna live so  
God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, and anytime!  
I'm gonna live so  
God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, and anytime!**
  
2. **I'm gonna work so  
God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, and anytime!  
I'm gonna work so**

**God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, and anytime!**

**3. I'm gonna pray so  
God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, and anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so  
God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, and anytime!**

**4. I'm gonna sing so  
God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, and anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so  
God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, and anytime!**

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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 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**

**One:           And so we pray to you,...**  
**All:            ...Lord, have mercy.**

#### **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*

God, we give today in thankfulness,  
and we give for the continuing growth  
of your kingdom in the world.  
Give us wisdom as a church,  
so that our offerings may be used  
for the sharing of your word  
and the service of your people.  
In the name of the One that gave us  
everything we are and have. Amen.

## **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" GtG 450

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;

**thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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