

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord is coming! Are you ready?  
All: **We are ready for whatever comes; we are dressed for action.**  
One: There's a knock at the door. You answer and see it is a man who is hungry, a woman who is sick, a person who is lost.  
All: **We will open the door at once and let Christ come in!**  
One: Come, let us worship the Christ who is coming!

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" GtG 663

1. **Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
your daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay your morning sacrifice.**
2. **Lord, I my vows to you renew.  
Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will,  
and with yourself my spirit fill.**
3. **Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
all I design or do or say,  
that all my powers, with all their might,  
in your sole glory may unite.**

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**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God: We are a complacent people. We put off till tomorrow what we could have done today. We fail to respond to people in need, thinking that someone else can take care of them. Forgive us for being insensitive to your presence in the lives of those around us. Forgive us for not following where you**

lead. Help us to hear your call to discipleship, and to heed your guidance in the ways of service. For it is in the name of the Servant Christ we pray. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(based on Isaiah 1)*

One: God is merciful and kind;  
though our sins are like scarlet,  
they become like snow.

**All: For our sins are washed clean by the goodness of God.**

One: Refreshed, revived, and renewed,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
let us live as those who are forgiven and freed,

**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 READINGS** Luke 12:35-44  
Luke 12:54-59  
Luke 13:1-9

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SERMON** “The Urgency of the Present” by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*HYMN** “A Charge to Keep I Have”

1. A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,  
A never-dying soul to save,  
And fit it for the sky.
2. To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfill;  
O may it all my powers engage  
To do my Master's will!
3. Arm me with jealous care,

**As in Thy sight to live;  
And now Thy servant, Lord, prepare  
A strict account to give!**

**4. Help me to watch and pray,  
And still on Thee rely,  
O let me not my trust betray,  
But press to realms on high.**

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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**

**One: God of mercy...  
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 Lord our God: We give ourselves to you, heart, mind, and soul. We dedicate our lives to you here and now. Use us as your instruments for the coming of your kingdom; that all may know of your love, and live in the light of your justice and peace. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Take My Life" GtG 697 (*Verses 1-4*)

- 1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.**
- 3. Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.**

4. **Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

One: Enter your everyday world dressed for action.  
**All: We are ready to meet God at home and at work.**  
One: God welcomes us as covenant partners in this world.  
**All: We are ready to serve wherever we are.**  
One: God promises.  
Christ saves.  
The Holy Spirit liberates us to love and serve.  
As we enter this new week  
may we go with the grace and blessings  
of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.  
And let the gathered people of God say...  
**All: ...Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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