

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing a new song to God, all the earth.
All: **Bless God's name from day to day.**
One: God is doing marvelous works among us.
All: **Let all nations declare the glory of God.**

***OPENING HYMN** "To God Be the Glory" GtG 634

1. **To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!**

2. **Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

(Refrain)

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**"You shall have no other gods before me," says the Lord.
But we do have other gods
that claim our adoration, our time,**

our energy, our resources, our hearts.
Many voices call out for our attention
as they proclaim their own version of the gospel.
O Lord, forgive our sin,
our unfaithfulness,
our divided loyalties.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
that we may resist all claims
that are divisive,
that are self-righteous, and
that do not proclaim your love and your mercy.
Make us disciples of the one gospel
taught by word and deed by our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Galatians 1)*

One: This is the good news we have received:
that our Lord Jesus Christ loves us
and gave his life
to set us free from our sins.
Hear the good news!
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
One: Accept your forgiveness and sing a new song to God.

Sing: "Hear the Good News of Salvation" GtG 441 *(Verse 1)*

1. **Hear the good news of salvation:**
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

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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 Galatians 1:1-24 (selected verses)
Galatians 2:1-14 (selected verses)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “By Whose Authority?” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “God of Grace and God of Glory” GtG 307

1. **God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

2. **Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

3. **Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

4. **Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

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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: O Lord our God...
All: ...in your mercy, 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*

With our offerings, O Lord, we reaffirm our faith in you, and we commit ourselves and our gifts to the sharing of life-giving good news. Equip us to proclaim your good news in word and deed, to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. May others glorify you, O God, because of the offering of our lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** "May the God of Hope Go with Us" GtG 765

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

All: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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