

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

- One: We come to give thanks to God, our Creator and Sustainer.  
All: **We gather to join our voices in praise to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**  
One: We open our minds and hearts to hear the Word of God, and to learn what is expected of present-day disciples of Jesus.  
All: **God is here! Come, let us worship!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "God Is Here!" GtG 409

- 1. God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.**
- 2. Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.**
- 3. Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant**

seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

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## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wonderful God, we do indeed adore you and rejoice to sing your praises. In remembrance of your compassion, we come before you in confidence, begging your mercy. We have failed to follow in your footsteps. We have walked away from your way. The path of humility you choose for us we disdain. The life of service you would have us live we reject. Forgive us, most gracious God. Have mercy on our hard hearts and our stubborn wills. Surround us with your Spirit and fill us with your infinite love, that we may live and love as we were meant to: as your own dear children and servants of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- One: We remind ourselves of the good news we have heard and in which we believe: that the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in constant love.
- All: **If we confess our sins, God is quick to forgive and to restore us to new life.**
- One: So let us rejoice and be glad, proclaiming once again the good news.
- All: **For in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen! Alleluia!**

## 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 14:1,7-14

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** “Bumped from the Head Table to the Kitchen” by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*HYMN** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” GtG 203

Refrain:

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

1. **Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.  
(Refrain)**
2. **Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race;  
neighbors are near us and far away.  
(Refrain)**
3. **These are the ones we should serve;  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.  
(Refrain)**
4. **Loving puts us on our knees,  
willing to wash others' feet;  
this is the way we should live like you.  
(Refrain)**

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a servant,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--**

even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:5-11 NRSV)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERING

*Invitation*

*Reflection*

*\*Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**God of grace,  
we give thanks for your faithfulness to us,  
we give thanks for your hope in us,  
we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace.  
In the light of your mercy,  
and confident in your love,  
we dedicate ourselves to you.  
Accept now our offerings,  
that through them your will might be done  
for us and for your world.  
In Christ's name we pray. 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*

(Please hold the bread so that we might partake of it together, to remind us of our participation in this sacrament as a community. Please drink the cup as you are served, reminding us of our individual participation in this sacrament and our personal commitment to our Lord.)

*Prayer*

## **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" GtG 202

- 1. An upper room did our Lord prepare  
for those he loved until the end:  
and his disciples still gather there  
to celebrate their risen friend.**
- 2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:  
to share his bread, his loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
he by his cross shall lift us up.**

3. **And after supper he washed their feet,  
for service, too, is sacrament.  
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:  
sent out to serve, as he was sent.**
4. **No end there is! We depart in peace.  
He loves beyond our uttermost:  
in every room in our Father's house  
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

**\*RESPONSE** “Make Me a Servant” StF 2176

**Make me a servant,  
humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up  
those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant,  
make me a servant,  
make me a servant today.**

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**POSTLUDE**

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