

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

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

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come to worship the great and wonderful Lord:  
All: **to remember all that God has done for us;**  
One: to celebrate all that God is doing among us;  
All: **to commit to all that God intends to do through us.**  
One: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

**\*OPENING HYMN** “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” GtG 23

1. **God, you spin the whirling planets,  
fill the seas and spread the plain,  
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,  
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.  
We, created in your image,  
would a true reflection be  
of your justice, grace, and mercy  
and the truth that makes us free.**
2. **You have called us to be faithful  
in our life and ministry.  
We respond in grateful worship  
joined in one community.  
When we blur your gracious image,  
focus us and make us whole.  
Healed and strengthened as your people,  
we move onward toward your goal.**
3. **God, your word is still creating,  
calling us to life made new.  
Now reveal to us fresh vistas  
where there's work to dare and do.  
Keep us clear of all distortion.  
Polish us with loving care.**

**Thus, new creatures in your image,  
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.**

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## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, forgive us when we follow after our own designs and plans. Forgive us when we make life all about us, and forget others, and even forget you. Forgive us when we refuse to open our eyes to the plight of neighbors who need our helping hand. Speak to us your word of life. Touch us by your tender Spirit. Re-create us in your own image after the example of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, 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 16:19-31

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** “Whatcha See?” by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*HYMN** “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” [Tune 490]

- 1. Lord, whose love through humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,**

offered mercy's perfect deed,  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift that you impart.

2. **Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles  
still to save and make us whole.**
3. **As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light,  
in its height and depth and greatness,  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving,  
your abundant life to share.**
4. **Called from worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.**

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#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,**

**claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**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!"**

*(from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**One:** O Lord, our refuge and our savior...

**All:** ...provide your strength and your grace.

## **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*

**We give you thanks and praise, generous God,**

**for every good gift that comes from your hand:**

**for food and clothing,  
for life and health,  
for family and friends,  
above all for the treasure of your grace.  
Make us rich in good works,  
generous and ready to share,  
taking hold of the life  
that really is life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “The Church of Christ in Every Age” GtG 320

- 1. The church of Christ in every age,  
beset by change but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.**
- 2. Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live before they die.**
- 3. Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.**
- 4. For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.**
- 5. We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread Christ's liberating word.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

**\*RESPONSE** “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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## **POSTLUDE**

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