

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 113)*

One: Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!

All: **Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.**

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

All: **Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.**

***OPENING HYMN** “In My Life” GtG 468

1. **In my life, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord,
be glorified today.**
2. **In our song, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In our song, Lord,
be glorified today.**
3. **In your church, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord,
be glorified today.**
4. **In your world, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord,
be glorified today.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we come to you with penitent hearts seeking forgiveness. We have been quick to learn the ways of the world: to seek power over others, always to be on the lookout for self, to make decisions based on greed; but we have been slow in learning the teachings of Jesus: to love mercy, to lose oneself in service to others, to be forgiving, and to love you and our neighbors as ourselves. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, we pray, that we may be cleansed of our sins and find what it means to be new persons in Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from I John 1 and Romans 8)*

One: If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

All: **But if we confess our sin,
God who is faithful, washes us clean.**

One: Beloved of God,
the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Nothing you have done, nothing you will ever do
is enough to separate you from the love of God
made known in Jesus Christ.
I declare in the name of the risen Christ
that our sin is forgiven and our lives are made new.

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 16:1-13

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON by Pastor Bill Vincent

*HYMN "Jesus Calls Us" GtG 720

1. **Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;**

day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me."

2. **Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."**
3. **In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."**
4. **Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Apostles' Creed - Contemporary)*

**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: Merciful, loving God...
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*

**Gracious God,
source of our daily bread and our soul's sustenance,
you feed us with your love
and equip us to share in your purpose.
Receive the offerings of our lives and ourselves,
and continue to expand our hearts,
that we may share the Good News of your gospel
and share in your work in this world.
For we pray by the power of your Spirit,
in the name of your Son. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** "Take My Life" GtG 697 (*Verses 1, 4, & 6*)

**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.**

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.**

**6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.**

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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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