

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Luke 13)*

One: "People will come from east and west and north and south and sit at table  
in the kingdom of God."  
**All: God invites us all to the kin-dom's banquet.**  
One: Honored by God's welcome, we gather by grace.  
**All: We come to offer ourselves in service and worship to the Lord.**  
One: So come, let us worship the Lord our God.

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Where Charity and Love Prevail" GtG 316 *(Verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)*

**1. Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love we thus are bound.**

**2. Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells Christ, God's holy Son.  
As members of each body joined,  
in him we are made one.**

**4. Let us forgive each other's faults  
as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well  
in Christian gentleness.**

**5. Love can exclude no race or creed  
if honored be God's name;  
our common life embraces all  
whose Maker is the same.**

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**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have strayed from your ways  
and, like the Prodigal Son, have wasted our inheritance.  
You gave us the earth for our home,  
but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty.  
You gave us neighbors to love,  
but we pursue selfish ambitions.  
You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing,  
but we break your law and forsake your love.  
Forgive us our sin and  
gather us again to your table.  
Draw our wandering hearts back to you  
that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.  
Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

### **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** The Lord is indeed a God of mercy and compassion. We know this for certain because of Jesus Christ.  
**All:** **In Christ, God seeks the lost and forgives the sinner and loves the world.**  
**One:** So let us hear and believe that good news once again.  
**All:** **For by the grace of God we are loved and accepted, forgiven and restored through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Amen.**

### **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 15:1-3,11-32

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*HYMN** "For Everyone Born" GtG 769

**1. For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,**

**a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,**

*Refrain:*

**and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!**

**2. For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,**

*Refrain*

**3. For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,**

*Refrain*

**4. For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live,**

*Refrain*

**5. For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,**

*Refrain*

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## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in God,**

**whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,**

to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: This we pray...  
All: ...Lord, have mercy.

## THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERING

*Invitation*

*Reflection*

*\*Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**Thank you, God, for proclaiming our worth when we do not value ourselves. Thank you for welcoming us to a celebration of life with so many precious gifts. Thank you now for the privilege of sharing so others may be led to your joyous embrace. Help us to be generous in gratitude for your lavish provision for all our needs. 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* (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.**

*Breaking of the Bread*

*Communion of the People*

(Please hold each of the elements so that we might partake of each together, to remind us of our participation in this sacrament as a community, in unity with Christ.)

Bread:

**Sing** "One Bread, One Body" GtG 530

Refrain:

**One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**1. Gentile or Jew,  
servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.**

*Refrain*

2. **Many the gifts,  
many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.**

*Refrain*

3. **Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.**

*Refrain*

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Cup:

**Sing** “Come to the Table of Grace” GtG 507 (*Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5*)

1. **Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God’s table;  
it’s not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.**
2. **Come to the table of peace...**
3. **Come to the table of love...**
5. **Come to the table of joy...**

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*Prayer*

### **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “I Come with Joy” GtG 515 (*Verses 1-3 & 5*)

1. **I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.**

2. **I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.**
  
3. **As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.**
  
5. **Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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