

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

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

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 136)*

One: "O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!"  
All: **"Whose steadfast love endures forever!"**  
One: To the Creator of all peoples near and far, let us give thanks!  
All: **To the Giver of all good gifts, let us give thanks!**  
One: To the Source of our life and salvation, let us give thanks!  
All: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**  
Unison: **Come, let us worship the Lord our God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" GtG 475

1. **Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!**
2. **Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.**
3. **O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,**

prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

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## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, forgive us, your wayward children. We acknowledge the harm that we have done, and the good we have failed to do. We turn from your ways and ignore your call. We follow our own desires and have confidence that we know what's best for us. Forgive us, O God. Guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go. Remind us of your grace to us. Teach us to rely upon you. Make us quick to forgive and slow to judge. Mold us into your people – trusting, obedient, and loving – that we may love and serve you well. For it is in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from II Corinthians 5)*

One: The good news is this: that “God was in Christ reconciling the world to God, not counting our sins against us.”

All: **God's promises are sure, and God's faithfulness is from generation to generation.**

One: “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” So rejoice and be glad.

All: **For we are forgiven and reconciled by the grace of Jesus Christ. Salvation is here! 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 19:1-10

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “That Silly Little Man Up There In the Tree” by Pastor Bill Vincent

\*HYMN “More Like You” StF 2167

**More like you, Jesus, more like you.**

**Fill my heart with your desire  
to make me more like you.  
More like you, Jesus, more like you.  
Touch my lips with holy fire  
and make me more like you.**

**Lord, you are my mercy.  
Lord, you are my grace.  
All my deepest sins  
have forever been erased.  
Draw me in your presence.  
Lead me in your ways.  
I long to bring you glory  
in righteousness and praise.**

**More like you, Jesus, more like you.  
Fill my heart with your desire  
to make me more like you.  
More like you, Jesus, more like you.  
Touch my lips with holy fire  
and make me more like you.**

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

One: Lord, in your mercy...  
All: ...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*

**O God, we are all inheritors of your grace. You have blessed us abundantly. As we offer the gifts we have been moved to share, use them to be a blessing to others: to strengthen the ministry of your church, to meet the needs in our community, and to bring us closer to reconciliation and restoration in Jesus Christ. For it is in his name we pray. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Into My Heart" StF 2160

- 1. Into my heart, into my heart,  
come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come in today, come in to stay;  
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**
- 2. Out of my heart, out of my heart,  
shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;**

**shine out today, shine out alway;  
shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

**POSTLUDE**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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