

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: With steadfast love, God calls our names.
All: **We come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.**
One: Feast on the abundance of God's house.
All: **We come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.**
One: Reach out to claim the gifts God pours out on us.
All: **The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one of us.**

***OPENING HYMN** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" GtG 509

1. **All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

2. **All who hunger, never strangers,
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

3. **All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table**

**live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We come as your people, O God.
We hunger for you,
we hunger for grace,
we hunger for forgiveness.
When we forget your creation of us,
or distort your image in us,
forgive us.
When we overlook your bounty or abuse it,
forgive us.
When we ignore your grace or your call,
forgive us.
Reclaim us as your own.
Renew us in your image.
And restore us to the joy of your way,
your word,
your presence.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the strength of the Lord Almighty we confide.
All: **In the mercy of God we trust.**
One: By the power of God we are restored.
All: **By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ we are renewed.**
One: So rejoice and celebrate this day!
All: **For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are loved, we are given new life. 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 John 2:1-11

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “The Best Is ... Now!” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “Sing of God Made Manifest” GtG 156

**1. Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and king foretold.**

**2. Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
“I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do.”
Then from heaven a double sign—
dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One:
“This is my beloved Son.”**

**3. Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God’s call.**

**4. Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain’s crest,
where the law and prophets waned
so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.**

***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: God of grace and glory...
All: ...give us your light and life.

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*

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts we have received from the abundant provision of your good creation. Bless our gifts as a sign of our commitment and bless our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN "As the Wind Song" GtG 292**

**1. As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power
to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.**

**2. As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love
to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

All: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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