

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: The Lord our God, creator of night and day, calls us to come.
All: **Our Lord and Master, Jesus the Christ, invites us to join in the song.**
One: Our Guide and Sustainer, the Holy Spirit, beckons us to listen and rejoice.
All: **So come, let us worship in song and praise, in prayer and thanksgiving.**
Unison: **Come, let us worship the Lord.**

***OPENING HYMN** “For the Beauty of the Earth” GtG 14 (*Verses 1, 2, 4, & 5*)

1. **For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**
2. **For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**
4. **For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**
5. **For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;**

for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Merciful God,
you alone know us fully.
You know the sins we hide from others:
the unkind thought,
the unspoken word of grace,
the helping hand not offered.
You alone know how we
harbor jealousies and resentments;
hoard resources for ourselves;
and hold onto prejudices, judging others.
Our possession have become more important to us
than your approval.
We worry a lot rather than
trusting you and seeking to be good citizens of your realm.
Forgive us and draw us back to yourself.
Shine into our lives your marvelous light
that we might embrace life as you intend.
remembering always your tender mercy for us, and for all.
In your Son's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God's Spirit upon us.
All: **We are held with love in God's hands.**
One: In Jesus Christ we are known and loved, forgiven and 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 Matthew 6:19-34

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" StF 2146

**1. Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he: ...**

(refrain) **His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**

**2. "Let not your heart be troubled,"
his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see: ... *(refrain)***

**3. Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free: ... *(refrain)***

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Present, powerful God...

All: ...provide for us, and prepare us for your way.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**Abundant God,
we strive for many things
and worry over much.
Help us to put our trust in you,
knowing that you care for us
in life and in death.
Turning from commodities
toward your kingdom,
we offer our gifts for your use,
seeking your righteousness first and foremost
today
and tomorrow
and forever.
In Christ's name. 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 (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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(With the passing of the bread, please wait until all have been served so that all may partake together, reflecting our unity in Christ.)

Sing "Feed Us, Lord" GtG 501

**1. Feed us, Lord.
Feed us, Lord.
In the broken bread,
be revealed again.
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.**

**2. Quench us, Lord.
Quench us, Lord.
On this thirsty ground,
may your love flow down.
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.**

(With the passing of the cup, please partake as soon as received as an expression of our personal relationship with Christ.)

**3. Fill us, Lord.
Fill us, Lord,
with the bread and wine
of the risen Christ.
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.**

**4. Lead us, Lord.
Lead us, Lord,
nourished here by Christ,
given strength for life.
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.**

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Prayer

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN “For the Fruit of All Creation” GtG 36**

**1. For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**

**2. In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.**

**3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

***RESPONSE** “Seek Ye First” GtG 175 (*Verse 1*)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

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POSTLUDE

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