

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**THIRD SUNDAY in LENT**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather on this day to give thanks and praise...  
All: **...to relish the goodness of God**  
One: We come to be nurtured and refreshed.  
All: **We come to be blessed by the touch of God.**  
One: So come, let us worship the Lord our God.

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" GtG 65

1. **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.**
  
2. **Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.**
  
3. **When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.**

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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we come to praise you. We come seeking you. We come in need of your mercy. For though you have called, we have failed to follow. Though you have demonstrated your care, we have sought after other sources of guidance and life. Forgive us gracious God. Return us to you. And turn us again into a people after your own heart -- a people in the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(based on Psalm 103)*

One: The river of God's mercy runs deeper and wider than our sin.  
**All: God removes our sins as far as the heavens are above the earth.**  
One: Beloved in the risen Christ, we are forgiven.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

[PACIFIC:] CHOIR:

"Forgiven"

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Lyrics:

Forgiven, I've been forgiven.  
God has looked beyond my sin,  
Saved me from what I might have been,  
Gave me a new life within,  
I am forgiven by his grace.

Though he had chosen me to be his own,  
I turned my back and walked away,  
And when he often urged me to return,  
I simply said, "Another day."  
The path of sinful life I chose to go,  
I did not care what others thought!  
But still he love my life more than his own,  
And with his life my soul he bought!

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God has looked beyond my sin,  
Saved me from what I might have been,  
Gave me a new life within,  
I am forgiven by his grace.

## **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 6:1-15

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** "Basket Full" by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*HYMN** "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" GtG 494

1. **Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
thou fount of life, thou light of all,  
from the best bliss that earth imparts  
we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.**
2. **Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
thou savest those that on thee call;  
to them that seek thee thou art good,  
to them that find thee, all in all.**
3. **We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
and long to feast upon thee still;  
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,  
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**
4. **Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**
5. **O Jesus, ever with us stay;**

**make all our moments calm and bright.  
O chase the night of sin away;  
shed o'er the world thy holy light.**

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Music: QUEBEC, Henry Baker, 1854

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      *(The Apostles' Creed)*

**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:**            O God, hear our prayer...  
**All:**            ...and sustain us by your grace.

**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*

**God of grace, you provide for all our needs. For the gift of this world and the gift of our life, we give you thanks. For the gift of you, we give you thanks. And we give you ourselves. Accept our offerings as signs of our gratitude; and bless them, and us, to further Christ's ministry and mission among those in need. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" GtG 630**

1. **Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God to earth come down,  
thee will I cherish,  
thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**
2. **Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.**
3. **Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.**
4. **Beautiful Savior,  
Ruler of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,**

**praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!**

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Words: Munster *Gesangbuch*, 1677; stanzas 1-3, trans. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850, alt.; stanza 4, trans. Joseph August Seiss, 1873, alt.

Music: CRUSADERS' HYMN, Silesian folk melody; *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

All: ...**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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