

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

TRINITY SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on II Corinthians 13)*

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us worship God,
Three in One,

All: One in Three.

One: Holy Trinity.

All: Holy Mystery.

***OPENING HYMN** “Come, Thou Almighty King” GtG 2

1. **Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**
2. **Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord,
our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.**

(continued...)

3. **Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.**

4. **To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, we have ignored your presence and denied your power. We have doubted rather than trusting you. We have complained when we should have celebrated. We have pursued private agendas while you summon us to community concern. We have kept our faith to ourselves when you call us to share good news. Forgive our unfaithfulness, O God, and enable us to mend our ways. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we are forgiven and freed.
Claim your forgiveness.
Rejoice in God's grace.
Respond with love.

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 READINGS Genesis 1:1-5
Matthew 28:16-20

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud” GtG 11

**1. Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud,
Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might,
Life whose life all life endowed:
May the church at prayer recall
that no single holy name
but the truth behind them all
is the God whom we proclaim.**

**2. Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine,
Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,
Well and Water, Bread and Wine,
Way who leads us to I AM:
May the church at prayer recall
that no single holy name
but the truth behind them all
is the God whom we proclaim.**

**3. Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove,
Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,
Comfort, Counselor, Presence, Love,
Energies that never tire:
May the church at prayer recall
that no single holy name
but the truth behind them all
is the God whom we proclaim.**

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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.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**One: ...God, for your wondrous work...
All: ...hear our thanks and praise.**

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*

**For all that you have given us,
we thank you, gracious God.
For day and night, evening and morning,
for land and sea, for fish and birds,
plants and animals, for humankind,
and for your Son, who came among us
with the gift of life abundant.
Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst
and work through our gifts,
that all people may have joy and peace in knowing you.
Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Womb of Life and Source of Being” GtG 3

- 1. Womb of life and source of being,
home of every restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather 'round you,
at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.**
- 2. Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us,
knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of Life and Death of Death,
risen Christ, come stand among us,
send the Spirit by your breath.**

(continued...)

**3. Brooding Spirit, move among us;
be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us; aid the birthing
of the new world yet to be,
free of servant, lord, and master,
free for love and unity.**

**4. Mother, Brother, holy Partner;
Father, Spirit, Only Son:
we would praise your name forever,
one-in-three and three-in-one.
We would share your life, your passion,
share your word of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising,
one with all, and one with you.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

All: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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