

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With heart and soul and voices we come to worship.
All: **We seek to love and serve the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and strength and mind.**
One: So come to give thanks and praise.
All: **We come to rejoice in the goodness of the Lord our God.**

***OPENING HYMN** “The God of Abraham Praise” GtG 49 (*Verses 1, 2, & 4*)

1. **The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days,
the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am,
by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name,
forever blest.**

2. **Your spirit still flows free,
high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old
and you speak still.
Established is your law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart
by your strong hand.**

4. **You have eternal life
implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.**

(continued...)

**We praise you, living God!
We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought,
and still the same!**

Words: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404;
stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, ca. 1770, alt.; stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max
Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt.
Music: LEONI, Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas
Olivers, 1770.
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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Providence, your faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting, but we fail to trust. You hold all creation in the palm of your hand, but we take our lives into our own hands more often than we would like to admit. When we trust ourselves more than your grace, forgive us. When we get caught up in our own strivings, relieve us. When we think the world rests on our shoulders, remind us. Call us back to your way. Teach us to turn our lives over to your gracious care. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As a cup of cold water quenches our thirst, God's grace soothes our souls.
All: **The Lord is indeed a God of mercy and compassion.**
One: In Christ, God seeks the lost and forgives the sinner and loves the world.
All: **So let us hear and believe this wonderful, grace-filled news: that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. In Jesus Christ we are loved. 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 Genesis 22:1-14

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "How Much?" by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” GtG 223 (*Verses 1, 2, & 4*)

1. **When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

2. **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

4. **Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707.

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1824.
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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.**

**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!"**

**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: God of mercy...
All: ...hear our prayer.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

For your grace that claims us and your love that transforms us, we give you thanks, O God. We offer to you the fruits of the earth and the fruits of our labor, that they may be used for the repair of the world. Bless our gifts, those who give them, and those who will receive them. May our whole lives be an offering before you. 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 (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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Sing “In Remembrance of Me” GtG 521

**1. In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
when God’s own will is done.**

**2. In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door
and let your neighbors in,
let them in.**

**Take, eat, and be comforted;
drink and remember, too,
that this is my body and
precious blood shed for you,
shed for you.**

**3. In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don’t look above,
but in your heart, look for God.**

Do this in remembrance of me.

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Communion of the People

(You are invited to partake of each of the elements as you are served,
remembering our commitment to the Lord.)

Prayer

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” GtG 688 (*Verses 1, 3, & 5*)

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1. **Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.**

3. **Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!**

5. **Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.**

Words: George Croly, 1867.

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870.
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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

All: ...Amen.

***RESPONSE** “More Love to Thee, O Christ” GtG 828 (*Verse 1*)

1. **More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!**

Words: Elizabeth Payson Prentiss, 1856.

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POSTLUDE

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