

September 3, 2023

First Presbyterian Church 105 East Main Street, Union, MO 63084

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Call to Worship

One: Oh, come let us worship and bow down

All: Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. (Psalm

95:6)

* **Opening Hymn:** "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" GtG 363 (4 verses)

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All: Prayer of Confession Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on

our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.

Silent confession

Assurance of Pardon

The peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Scripture Reading Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon "To Wait On The Lord" Pastor Kurt Calkins

* **Hymn** "Let Us Break Bread Together" GtG 525 (3 verses)

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Declaration of Faith The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

* Closing Hymn "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" 839 (3 verses)

GtG

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Charge and Blessing

Postlude

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