

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 104)*

One: Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!
All: **Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.**
One: We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord,
All: **who makes and sustains all things.**

***OPENING HYMN** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" GtG 624 *(Verses 1, 3 & 5)*

1. **I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.**
3. **Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.**
5. **Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin.
We want you to do whatever we ask of you,
but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us.**

(continued...)

We want reward without sacrifice,
privilege without pain.
We talk about serving you,
but we do not want the rank of servant.
Forgive our ignorant and arrogant ways, O Lord.
Pour out your mercy upon us
and help us to know your glory through servanthood.
Guide us to be true followers of your way.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Psalm 91)*

One: Hear the promise of the Lord:
All: **“When you call me, I will answer.
I will rescue you from danger
and show you my salvation.”**
One: People of God,
the Lord hears, forgives, and saves.
Receive mercy and be forgiven,
in the firm assurance of pardon.
Be reconciled to one another
and walk humbly before God.

THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.
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 Mark 10:32-52

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “What Do We Know? What Don’t We Know? Do We Care?”
by Pastor Bill Vincent

*HYMN “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” *(Verses 1-3) (Tune 490)*
(words on next page...)

1. Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light,
in its height and depth and greatness,
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving,
your abundant life to share.

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.**

(continued...)

**His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.**

**The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God of mercy...
All: ...hear our prayers.

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*

**Holy God, we give you thanks
for all your gifts of goodness and grace.
These offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us.**

(continued...)

**We gratefully present these gifts
and entrust them to your work in this world:
to help build your kingdom on earth
and be of service to the body of Christ.
Teach us to honor you each day
by our obedience to your will;
through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN “Go to the World!” GtG 295**

- 1. Go to the world!
Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 2. Go to the world!
Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 3. Go to the world!
Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 4. Go to the world!
Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!”
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

***RESPONSE “Make Me a Servant” StF 2176**

**Make me a servant,
humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up
those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant,
make me a servant,
make me a servant today.**

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