

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalms 118 & 136 and Mark 11)*

One: With crowds from ancient times we cry,  
**All: Hosanna! Save us!**  
One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!  
**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**All: We bless you in the house of the Lord!**  
**Unison: Let us worship the living God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "We Sing Hosanna" *[Tune 197]*

1. We sing our loud hosannas  
to welcome Christ today.  
God's steadfast love surrounds us  
each step along the way.  
The gates are flung wide open  
as crowds their tribute raise:  
"Hosanna in the highest!"  
Our Savior's name we praise.

2. A lowly, peaceful donkey  
bears Jesus through the throng  
of joyous, shouting people  
who sing their vict'ry song:  
Rejoice in God's anointed  
who claims us as God's own,  
and offers us salvation  
through Christ, the cornerstone.

*(continued...)*

**3. May we who seek to follow  
be emptied of false pride,  
and take the form of servants,  
with boundless love supplied.  
Throughout our lives, rejoicing  
in days that God provides,  
we give our humble thanks, and  
obey, as Jesus guides.**

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### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We sing before you, O God, the goodness of your ways.  
We confess before you the error of ours.  
We try to do it all in life,  
in our way, on our terms, by our schedule.  
Then we get discouraged when we discover life is not at our beck and call.  
We somehow come to think you have failed us  
when the truth is we have failed you.  
Forgive us, O God,  
for trying to be the Master and failing to be the servant.  
Help us to trust you and your good time.  
Help us to cling to you and hope in your promises.  
Help us to rest in your love and live it ourselves.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### **SILENT CONFESSION**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from Isaiah 1)*

**One:** “‘Come now, let us reason together,’ says the Lord. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.’”  
**All:** “‘**Though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.**’”  
**One:** Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we are cleansed of our sin and renewed as God’s people.  
**All:** **We rejoice, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!**

### **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 11:1-25

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** “Cleaning House” by Pastor Bill Vincent

**\*HYMN** “O for a Closer Walk with God” GtG 739

- 1. O for a closer walk with God,  
a calm and heavenly frame,  
a light to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb!**
- 2. Return, O holy Dove, return,  
sweet messenger of rest!  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn  
and drove thee from my breast.**
- 3. The dearest idol I have known,  
whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne,  
and worship only thee.**
- 4. So shall my walk be close with God,  
calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.**

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The reconciling work of Jesus  
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.  
His cross and resurrection  
become personal crisis and present hope  
for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.  
In this experience,  
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,  
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,  
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

One: Save us, O Lord,...  
All: ...for your mercy is great.

## **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 amaze us with your grace and the depths of your love.  
Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude.  
Use them, and us,  
as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom,  
which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

## **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Into My Heart" StF 2160

1. Into my heart, into my heart,  
come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come in today, come in to stay;  
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

*(continued...)*

**2. Out of my heart, out of my heart,  
shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;  
shine out today, shine out alway;  
shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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