

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

REFORMATION SUNDAY
THIRTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, to celebrate the mighty acts God has done in our midst.
All: **We come to anticipate the call into God's future.**
One: Come, to participate in God's journey and work today.
All: **We come in faith to live in hope to be nurtured in love.**
Unison: **We come to join in the walk and work and worship of God.**

***OPENING HYMN** "Come, Great God of All the Ages" GtG 309

1. **Come, great God of all the ages;
make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person;
let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment;
give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building;
dedicate us to the task.**
2. **Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit,
sure foundation, cornerstone;
help us form the church eternal;
may your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower;
lead all people to your way;
urge us to strong faith and action
as we build the church today.**

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3. **Come, great Spirit, in and with us,
tune our ears to hear your call;
through the moving of your presence,
let redeeming love recall
ministry in dedication,
love embodied in our deeds;
challenge us to do your bidding,
see your purpose, fill all needs.**
4. **Come, O come, in celebration,
household of the one true God;
in commitment and rejoicing
let us go where Christ has trod;
as we act in faith and reverence,
let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant,
now and for eternity.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful, steadfast God,
we present ourselves to you as we are,
aware that we have failed you when it comes to following you.
We are like little children,
running ahead, expecting you to follow us down the path we choose;
or we lag behind, expecting you'll wait until we're good and ready.
Forgive us for not trusting that you know the way.
Forgive us for failing to rely upon your sustaining grace and steady presence.
Forgive us, ever-loving God.
Fill us with your steadfast Spirit.
Guide us in your loving, hope-filled way.
And renew us in the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
by whose mercy we stand before you
and offer our confession and ourselves.
Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let us rejoice in the goodness and grace of the Lord!
All: **Through the death of Christ we are forgiven. By the resurrection of Christ we are given new life.**
One: So rejoice and be glad, and celebrate the good news!
All: **For by the grace of God we are loved and accepted, forgiven and restored through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 READINGS Isaiah 42:5-9
Hebrews 12:1-2

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Remember: Don’t Play with Fire...Yet Do” by Rev. Bill Vincent

*HYMN “Pass It On”

1. It only takes a spark
To get a fire going
And soon all those around
Can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread God's love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on

2. What a wondrous time is spring
When all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing
The flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like spring
You want to pass it on

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**3. I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
On God you can depend
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain-top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on**

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A SHARING by Rev. Linda Maconochie

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS “For All the Saints” StF 2283

**1. For all the saints who’ve shown your love
in how they live and where they move,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.**

-Lighting a Candle for Family-

**2. For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Savior’s fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.**

-Lighting a Candle for Friends-

**3. For all the saints who named your will,
and showed the kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.**

-Lighting a Candle for Others-

**4. Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Apostles' Creed)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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: “God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale” Choir

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**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

God of grace and embrace,

we thank you for walking with us

and providing for us

and loving us all along the way.

We bring these offerings to you as tokens of our gratitude

and symbols of the offering of our lives

to share the joy of your kingdom,

the peace of your presence,

and the grace of your good news,

all to your glory.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” GtG 730

1. **I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.**
2. **They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.**

(continued...)

3. **They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

***RESPONSE “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**

1. **I'm gonna live so
God can use me
anywhere
and anytime!
I'm gonna live so
God can use me
anywhere
and anytime!**

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POSTLUDE

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