

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 103)*

One: "Bless the Lord, O my soul."
All: **"And all that is within me, bless God's holy name."**
One: "Bless the Lord, O my soul."
All: **"And do not forget all God's benefits..."**
One: "...Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy..."
All: **"...Who satisfies you with good as long as you live."**
One: "Bless the Lord, O my soul."
All: **And be mindful of all God's grace and goodness.**

***OPENING HYMN** "Womb of Life and Source of Being" GtG 3

1. Womb of life and source of being,
home of every restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather 'round you,
at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.

2. Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us,
knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of Life and Death of Death,
risen Christ, come stand among us,
send the Spirit by your breath.

(continued...)

**3. Brooding Spirit, move among us;
be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us; aid the birthing
of the new world yet to be,
free of servant, lord, and master,
free for love and unity.**

**4. Mother, Brother, holy Partner;
Father, Spirit, Only Son:
we would praise your name forever,
one-in-three and three-in-one.
We would share your life, your passion,
share your word of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising,
one with all, and one with you.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In joy we celebrate your goodness to us, O God.
In humility we come before you to make our confession.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.
We have ignored your guidance and forgotten your blessings.
We think only of ourselves and not our neighbor.
We let angry words fly to hurt another.
Our lives do not measure up to what we say we believe.
Forgive us, gracious Lord.
Focus our minds to seek you and your will.
Open our hearts to trust you and love our neighbor.
Transform our lives in the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Psalm 103)*

One: "The Lord is merciful and loving, slow to become angry and full of constant love."
All: **"God knows what we are made of, remembering that we are dust."**
One: "As a parent is kind to the children, so the Lord is kind to those who honor the Lord."
All: **So rejoice and be glad! For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. In Jesus Christ we are given new life. 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 Deuteronomy 8:11-20
Isaiah 49:14-15
I Corinthians 11:23-26

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Forget Thee Not" by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" GtG 498

1. Loaves were broken, words were spoken
by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,
was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

2. Loaves were broken, words were spoken
in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light.

(continued...)

**By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**3. Loaves are broken, words are spoken,
as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
“I am with you; do not fear!”
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**4. By the loaves you break and give us,
send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from “*A Declaration of Faith*”)

**God moves in history with God’s people.
Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.
The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history,
together with God’s people’s response in faith.
It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church
toward the kingdom of God,
God’s just and loving rule over all.
It is the story of the one God,
who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
That story is still unfolding
and in faith we make it our own.**

(continued...)

**It forms our memory and our hope.
It tells us who we are and what we are to do.
To retell it is to declare what we believe.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Hear us, O God...
All: ...your mercy is great.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God.
We give you heart-felt thanks,
and we dedicate ourselves to you and your way.
Guide us to use what we now gather
for the well-being of your church,
for those in need of shelter and food,
and for nurturing faith in your people.
Empower us to bless others through our actions, words, resources
so that we may support and love others as you have loved us.
In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(The prayer continues...)

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(You are invited to go ahead and partake of each of the elements as you are served, remembering how Christ comes to you.)

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.**

(continued...)

**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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Prayer

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" GtG 298 (*Verses 1, 3, & 5*)

- 1. Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**
- 3. Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body; this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**
- 5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,**

(continued...)

**and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

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