

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Isaiah 6)*

One: We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here.
All: **Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.**
One: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of God's glory."
All: **The Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.**
One: The Lord of hosts is here.
All: **We are listening for God's call in our lives.**
One: We respond with our whole heart.
All: **Let us ground ourselves in worship.**

***OPENING HYMN** "O Lord My God" GtG 625 *(Verses 1-3)*
(How Great Thou Art)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the *worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:
Refrain:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:
(Refrain)

(continued...)

3. **And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:**
(Refrain)

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the universe and Creator of all that is,
we admit that we fail to be honest about our lives and in the politics of life.
Sometimes we are deceitful;
other times we judge ourselves harshly
and feel unworthy of your call on our lives.
Forgive us, we pray,
when we wander away from you, lost and at risk.
Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory
and the purposes you intend.
Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear,
that we may arise with renewed spirits
to serve you, our true Sovereign. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The promise is this:
**All: God is faithful and steadfast, eager to forgive our sin
and welcome us home.**
One: Grateful for this promise of joy and of peace,
let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

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 Luke 5:1-11, 27-32

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON ““Holy S-----!”” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “You Walk along Our Shoreline” GtG 170

1. You walk along our shoreline
where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power,
“Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow
through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers
but of the human soul.”

2. You call us, Christ, to gather
the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only
those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel
across the water’s face,
our boat a common shelter
for all found by your grace.

3. We cast our net, O Jesus;
we cry the kingdom’s name;
we work for love and justice;
we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather
God’s daughters and God’s sons,
to let your judgment heal us
so that all may be one.

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from “*The Confession of 1967*”)

**God’s sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives
of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross, and
goodness in receiving sinful men and women.
The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Lord, in your mercy...

All: ...hear our prayer.

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*

**Most generous God,
you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share.
We give you thanks for your generosity to us.
Bless these gifts we offer and multiply them,
for the sake of those in need around us;
to further your work
and build your beloved community.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" GtG 761

- 1. Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.**
- 2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.**
- 3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.**

(continued...)

4. **So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

All: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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