

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come together to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
**All: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**  
One: We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!  
**All: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**  
One: We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.  
**All: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**  
One: We come together to experience the abundance of God's grace.  
**All: Let us worship God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" [*Tune #490*]

- 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.**
- 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.**

*(continued...)*

4. **Called from worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.**

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#### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, have mercy on us.  
We ignore your Word as if it were unimportant.  
We flee from your presence in doubt and rebellion.  
We enjoy idle pleasures  
    and pursue lives of leisure  
while others stoop to serve us  
    and struggle to support themselves.  
We enact rules and regulations  
    that benefit the wealthy  
    at the expense of basic needs—  
    human health and daily bread.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Heal us where we are withered  
    in hand or heart or faith.  
Set us free to serve you  
Redirect our wrong ways  
    and lead us to the ways that make Jesus visible in our lives. Amen.**

#### **SILENT CONFESSION**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** God restores us to wholeness and grants us new opportunities for life.  
No matter how far we have strayed into the ways of death,  
    we can begin again as free and forgiven children of God.  
Our burdens are lifted, our spirits are renewed,  
    as God's love is rekindled within us and in all our relationships.

**All:** **Like weary travelers in the wilderness,  
let us drink deeply of God's grace.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

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 2:18-3:6

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “The Old Has Become New Again.  
The New Has Become Old Again?” by Pastor Bill Vincent

\*HYMN “Take Time to Be Holy”

1. **Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
abide in him always and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God’s children; help those who are weak;  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**
2. **Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.**
3. **Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,  
and run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord,  
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.**
4. **Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul --  
each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his Spirit to fountains of love,  
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.**

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## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence.**

**He put God's claim on his life above all else.**

**He joined others in God's worship and praise.**

**He drew strength from the Scriptures.**

**He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us  
personal lives that are centered in God  
and open to God's reality and rule.**

**Christ teaches us**

**to put obedience to God**

**above the interests of self, family, race, or nation;**

**to offer God joyously**

**our money, ability, and time.**

**It is part of our discipline**

**to observe a day of worship and rest,**

**setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work,**

**celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.**

**We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture,**

**not expecting detailed directions for every decision,**

**but relying on the Word to tell us who God is,**

**to press God's present claim on us,**

**and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.**

**We are charged to pray for ourselves and others**

**with gratitude, boldness, and persistence,**

**confident that God hears and answers our prayers**

**in ways best for us all.**

**Life in God's presence issues in life for others,**

**for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,**

**we cannot love God whom we do not see.**

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**One:** To you, Lord God,

**All:** ...we stretch out our hands.

**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*

**We give you thanks, O God, for all your good gifts to us: for work and rest, for creativity and play, for this community in which to practice our faith together. Take the gifts we offer and use them to meet the needs of those around us. May our work and witness reflect our belief in your compassionate care for us and for all you have created. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "In the Midst of New Dimensions" GtG 315 (*Verses 1-3 & 5*)

**1. In the midst of new dimensions,  
in the face of changing ways,  
who will lead the pilgrim peoples  
wandering in their separate ways?  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar,  
leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey  
now and ever, now and ever,  
now and evermore.**

**2. Through the flood of starving people,  
warring factions, and despair,  
who will lift the olive branches?  
Who will light the flame of care?**

*(continued...)*

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar,  
leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey  
now and ever, now and ever,  
now and evermore.**

**3. As we stand, a world divided  
by our own self-seeking schemes,  
grant that we, your global village,  
might envision wider dreams.  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar,  
leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey  
now and ever, now and ever,  
now and evermore.**

**5. Should the threats of dire predictions  
cause us to withdraw in pain,  
may your blazing phoenix spirit  
resurrect the church again.  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar,  
leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey  
now and ever, now and ever,  
now and evermore.**

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#### **\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

#### **POSTLUDE**

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