

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

TWELFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord our God, creator of night and day, calls us to come.
All: **Our Lord and Master, Jesus the Christ, invites us to join in the song.**
One: Our Guide and Sustainer, the Holy Spirit, beckons us to listen and rejoice.
All: **So come, let us worship in song and praise, in prayer and thanksgiving.**
Unison: **Come, let us worship the Lord.**

***OPENING HYMN** “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” GtG 23

1. **God, you spin the whirling planets,
fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image,
would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy
and the truth that makes us free.**
2. **You have called us to be faithful
in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship
joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image,
focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.**
3. **God, your word is still creating,
calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
where there's work to dare and do.**

(continued...)

**Keep us clear of all distortion.
Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image,
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.**

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Proulx, 1986
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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, have mercy on us,
for we have failed to be faithful to you,
though you have been faithful to us.
You show us your wisdom,
but we have not followed your will,
instead heeding other voices
and pursuing our own desires at the expense of others.
We are so misguided
that we cannot discern good from evil,
making the wrong choice,
choosing the wrong side.
Forgive us, redeem us, transform us.
In steadfast love, look upon us
and reclothe us in your grace.
Take away the sin that burdens us,
and restore us to the people you would have us be,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God does not forsake us. We are the work of God's hands, the object of steadfast love.
All: **Our sins are forgiven. Our lives are cleansed.**
One: The One who raised Jesus from the dead offers us new life today.
All: **So we believe and so we proclaim:**
One: We are being renewed day by day through the grace of Christ extended to us.
All: **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 3:20-35

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “What Do You See? Unclean? Or Holy?” by Pastor Bill Vincent

*HYMN “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” GtG 286

1. **Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

2. **Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

3. **Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

4. **Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

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Music: TRENTHAM, Robert Jackson, 1888

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions)

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*

Thank you, God, for your faithfulness. We bring ourselves and our offerings to praise you and do the work you call us to do. Fulfill your purpose for this church as you enlist our offerings and our lives. In amazement at the work of your hands, we reach out our hands to help others, and invite them to join us in extending your grace to more and more people, for your glory, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord” GtG 707

- 1. Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.**
- 2. Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
come thou within our souls and claim thy throne;
help us to shed abroad thy deathless love;
use us to make the earth like heaven above.**
- 3. Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;
guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.**
- 4. Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

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