

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

TENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 103)*

One: Praise God, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
All: **Praise God, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.**
One: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN** "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" GtG 439 *(Verses 1, 2, & 6)*

**1. O my soul, bless your Redeemer;
all within me bless God's name;
bless the Savior, and forget not
all God's mercies to proclaim.**

**2. God forgives all your transgressions,
all diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction,
and with you so kindly deals.**

**6. Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
ever under God's control,
all throughout God's vast dominion;
bless the Lord of all, my soul!**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
your love for us is undivided,
but we confess that we have been unfaithful
in our devotion to you.**

(continued...)

**Our affections stray to false gods of money and power.
Our commitments fracture among the demands of work and family.
Our loyalties spread across the obligations of social class and nation.
Forgive us, we pray.
Heal us, for we have sinned against you.
Reconcile our wandering hearts and restore us to faithfulness.
In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(based on Psalm 103)*

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, Ps. 103:8
All: **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: **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 2:1-17

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Through the Roof...to Levi's Dining Room" by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** "Will You Come and Follow Me" GtG 726 *(Verses 1, 4, & 5)*

1. **"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown;
will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**
4. **"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"**

(continued...)

5. **Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from "A Declaration of Faith")

**God sent God's Son
to proclaim release to those who are bound,
to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand,
to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news.
The Lord is moving toward the time
when the glorious liberty of the children of God
will be manifest throughout the whole creation.
We testify God is at work here and now
when people obey Christ's commission
to witness to him and make disciples of all nations,
when they spread the good news by their words
and embody it in their lives.
We believe that God sends us
to tell all nations
that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith, and obedience.
We are to proclaim by word and deed
that Christ gave himself to set people free
from sin and self-hatred,
from ignorance and disease,
from all forms of oppression,
and even from death.
We are to offer them in Christ's name
fullness of life now and forever.
We must not distort the gospel
by weakening its promises or demands,
by identifying it with oppressive structures,
by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ.
We must not restrict our proclamation
to persons just like ourselves.**

(continued...)

**We invite people everywhere
to believe in Christ and become his followers.
We urge them to join us in telling others the good news
and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God, 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*

O God of new life, you restore us with the hope of the gospel; you bind up our wounds and make us whole once again. You enliven us with the gift of your Spirit. Accept the gifts we offer, and transform their worth to accord with your will. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” GtG 547 (*Verses 2-3*)

2. **“Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.”**

3. **“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

All: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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