WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

THIRTEETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 130):

One:	Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD.
All:	Lord, hear our voice!
One:	We wait for the LORD, our souls wait,
All:	And in God's word we hope.
One:	O Israel, hope in the LORD!
All:	For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great
	power to redeem.
One and All:	Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" GtG #35

- 1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
- 2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not see how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord: we confess that often we become bored with your grace and are unimpressed by your salvation.Our rejoicing in Christ is small, as is our commitment to his cause.Our thanksgiving is half-hearted or nonexistent.Forgive us for our deadly dullness and for all our sin, and restore us to live and joy.In Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- One: This statement is completely reliable, and should be universally accepted: that Christ Jesus entered this world to rescue sinners. He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we could be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Friends, let us believe this best of all good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! And let us now obey the Lord. This is God's command: to give our allegiance to God's Son Jesus Christ and to love on another.
- All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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 5:21-43

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, please speak your Word to us now. And, by the Holy Spirit's power, enable us to hear your Word and to respond with our faith and with our lives. Trusting in Jesus the living Word we pray. Amen.

SERMON "The Eager Touch of Faith" by Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

*HYMN "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" GtG 440

- Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past. Safe into the haven guide. O receive my soul at last!
- 2. Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee. Leave, ah! Leave me not alone; still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring. Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.
- 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find. Raise the fallen, cheer the faith, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness. False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
- 4. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee. Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed) (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Birgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

(continued)

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Lord, in your mercy, All: ...Receive our prayer.

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 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

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Great God, please receive what we offer you now, in thanks and praise. And grant that we may continue this offering of all that we have and all that we are, in everything we do and say and think, today and in the coming week and always. Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest. Amen

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" GtG 353

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand;

2. When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil

Refrain

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

4. When he shall come with trumpet sounds, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne

Refrain

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE