

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Luke 13*)

- One: "People will come from East and West, from North and South."
All: They will come at the gracious invitation of the Lord.
One: The invitation is to all of us to join around the table and enjoy the feast
Christ sets before us...
All: ...The feast at which he is host and we are the guests.
One: So come, to celebrate God's presence in our midst.
All: Come, to offer ourselves in service to the Lord.
Unison: **Come in celebration, to worship the merciful Lord our God.**

***OPENING HYMN** "In Christ There Is No East or West" GtG 318

1. **In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**
2. **In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.**
3. **Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**
4. **In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God,
We often wonder what we must do to be right with you.
The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ
to make us right with you.
We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love.
You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ.
We strive for security by piling up the things of this life.
Jesus says, "Come, follow me."
Lord, forgive our self-centeredness
that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others.
Forgive our relying on ourselves
rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship.
Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(based on 1 Timothy 1:15)*

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
All: Jesus is not ashamed to call us his beloved siblings and family.
One: Children of God, hear and believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: we are made one with Christ and with each other. Thanks be to God!

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 Mark 10:17-31

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "In Your Way? On the Way" by Pastor Bill Vincent

*HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" GtG 724

1. **O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

2. **O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.**

3. **O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

4. **O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.**

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God of mercy...
All: **...be gracious to us.**

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection Choir: "Come Down, Lord"

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. May the gifts we offer sow the seeds of your peace and justice. Use them according to your will, until all of creation is healed and reconciled to you. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
(*The prayer continues...*)

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(You will be invited by the ushers to come forward to receive Communion.
Those who choose not to come forward will be served at their seats.)

Sing "One Bread, One Body" GtG 530

Refrain:

**One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**1. Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain***

**2. Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain***

**3. Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. *Refrain***

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Prayer

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN “I Come with Joy” GtG 515**

- 1. I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.**
- 2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**
- 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**
- 4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.**
- 5. Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

***RESPONSE** “Go with Us, Lord” GtG 748

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

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POSTLUDE

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