

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are gathered here to worship the Lord...  
**All: ...who made heaven and earth.**  
One: We are gathered here to worship the Lord...  
**All: ...who calls us to repent of our sins.**  
One: We are gathered here to worship the Lord...  
**All: who speaks to us words that sound both bitter and sweet.**  
One: We are gathered here to worship the Lord...  
**All: ...who is our rock and our salvation.**  
**Unison: Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.**  
**Let us worship the Lord with reverence and humility.**  
**Let us worship the Lord with songs and rejoicing.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" GtG 1

1. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**  
**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
  
2. **Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,**  
**casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**
  
3. **Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,**  
**though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,**  
**only thou art holy; there is none beside thee**  
**perfect in power, in love and purity.**

*(continued...)*

4. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.**  
**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**SING** "In an Age of Twisted Values" GtG 345

**1. In an age of twisted values  
we have lost the truth we need.  
In sophisticated language  
we have justified our greed.  
By our struggle for possessions  
we have robbed the poor and weak.  
Hear our cry and heal our nation;  
your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.**

**2. We have built discrimination  
on our prejudice and fear.  
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty  
if we hold resentments dear.  
For communities divided  
by the walls of class and race,  
hear our cry and heal our nation;  
show us, Lord, your love and grace.**

**3. When our families are broken,  
when our homes are full of strife,  
when our children are bewildered,  
when they lose their way in life,  
when we fail to give the aged  
all the care we know they need,  
hear our cry and heal our nation;  
help us show more love, we plead.**

**4. We who hear your word so often  
choose so rarely to obey.  
Turn us from our willful wandering;  
give us truth to light our way.**

*(continued...)*

**In the power of your Spirit  
come to cleanse us, make us new;  
hear our cry and heal our nation  
till our nation honors you.**

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## **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**SING** “Hear the Good News of Salvation” GtG 441

- 1. Hear the good news of salvation:  
Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!  
Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.**
- 2. All the sins I have committed,  
to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish;  
Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.**

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## 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 6:1-4  
Luke 4:16-30

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “The Dark Side of the Light” by Pastor Bill Vincent

\*HYMN “O for a Closer Walk with God” GtG 739

1. **O for a closer walk with God,  
a calm and heavenly frame,  
a light to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb!**

2. **Return, O holy Dove, return,  
sweet messenger of rest!  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn  
and drove thee from my breast.**

3. **The dearest idol I have known,  
whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne,  
and worship only thee.**

4. **So shall my walk be close with God,  
calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.**

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *The Confession of 1967*)

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.  
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people  
and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.  
He expressed the love of God in word and deed  
and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women.  
But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.  
His life and teaching judged  
their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.  
Many rejected him and demanded his death.  
In giving himself freely for them,  
he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted.  
God raised him from the dead,  
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.  
The victim of sin became victor,  
and won the victory over sin and death for all.**

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.  
His cross and resurrection  
become personal crisis and present hope for women and men  
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.  
In this experience, the Spirit  
brings God's forgiveness to all,  
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,  
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**One:** Lord, by your grace...  
**All:** ...receive our prayers.

**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 it is 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*

**God, you have sustained us in lean times and led us to sources of living water. Bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you. Take them and multiply their blessings for those who are hungry, hurting and in need of your strength. And multiply the offer of our lives to spread your grace and advance your work in the world. Amen.**

## SENDING

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” GtG 475

- 1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!**
- 2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.**
- 3. O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

All: ...**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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