

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus comes to proclaim good news to us all!
All: **Jesus releases those who are captive, gives sight to the blind, helps the oppressed, and declares the year of the Lord's favor!**
One: May we go and do likewise, offering hope to a hurting world.
All: **And may it all begin with our worship of God.**

***OPENING HYMN** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" *Verses 1-3 [Tune 490]*

1. **Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.**

2. **Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.**

3. **As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light,
in its height and depth and greatness,
dawns upon our quickened sight,**

(continued...)

**making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving,
your abundant life to share.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dear God, hear our prayer as we confess ourselves before you.
When we falter in doing what is right,
forgive us;
and give us the courage to choose your way.
When we shut you out and don't want to listen to your voice,
forgive us;
and turn our ears and hearts attentively to you.
When our hearts turn cold toward others,
forgive us;
and melt them with the warmth of your tender love.
When we give up in despair,
forgive us;
and encourage us to go on in the strength of your promises and faithfulness.
Fill us and transform us by your Spirit,
that we might reflect in our lives the light of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Rejoice my friends and be glad.
All: **For the light of the world has come and shines in our lives, bringing
restoration and new life to us and proclaiming good news to us all.**
One: My friends, believe the good news.
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

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 Luke 4:14-21

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Inauguration Day” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “Live into Hope” GtG 772

1. **Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!**
2. **Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.**
3. **Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.**
4. **Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.**

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

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.**

His human life

involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to men and women

commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

(continued...)

His suffering
 makes the church sensitive to all human suffering
 so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion
 discloses to the church
 God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations,
 and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
 the church sees the promise
 of God's renewal of human life in society
 and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Through the working of your Spirit, in the power of your mercy...

All: ...**Lord, hear 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 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*

**For your Spirit's touch upon us, we give you thanks, O Lord.
For the good news of you, we give you thanks.
As you have blessed us, so we seek to be a blessing to others.
Accept these gifts we bring as tokens of the offering of ourselves to you.
Use them for the sake of those in need around us
to further your reign in this world.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" StF 2241

**1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.**

**2. We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.**

**3. We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.**

**4. Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

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***RESPONSE** “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” *Verse 4 [Tune 81]*

**4. Called from worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

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