

WORSHIP FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

ASH WEDNESDAY

PREPARATION The Ashes

PRELUDE

CONFESSION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 130

One: Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**All: If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?**

One: For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

**All: I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits for you;
in your word is my hope.**

One: My soul waits for the LORD,
more than sentries for the morning,
more than sentries for the morning.

**All: O Israel, wait for the LORD,
for with the LORD there is mercy;**

**Unison: there is plenteous redemption with the LORD,
who shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

CALL FOR CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

Responsive Prayer: Litany of Penitence

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**Unison: Holy and merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

One: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:
The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

All: we confess to you, O God.

One: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways
and our exploitation of other people,

All: we confess to you, O God.

One: Our anger at our own frustration
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All: we confess to you, O God.

One: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All: we confess to you, O God.

One: Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

All: we confess to you, O God.

One: Accept our repentance, O God,
for the wrongs we have done.
For our neglect of human need and suffering
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All: accept our repentance, O God.

One: For all false judgments,
for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt
toward those who differ from us, *(continued...)*

All: accept our repentance, O God.

One: For our waste and pollution of your creation
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: accept our repentance, O God.

One: Restore us, O God,
and let your anger depart from us.

**All: Favorably hear us, O God,
for your mercy is great.**

Amen.

FORGIVENESS

***HYMN** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” GtG 649 [*Verses 1-4*]

1. **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**
2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**
3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**
4. **The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

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SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:20-6:7, 11-13

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE CLEANSING

One: Jesus Christ died for you.

Response: In Jesus Christ I am forgiven.

COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:4-8, 11-16, 19

PROCLAMATION OF COMMUNITY

COMMUNION: THE 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 to come forward to receive Communion. Those who choose not to come forward will be served at their seats.)

Prayer

***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.

POSTLUDE

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