

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

TWELFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come to worship the God who comes to you...in the flesh, even.
All: **We come to worship the God who welcomes us in and sends us out.**
One: Come to be challenged and sustained.
All: **We come to love and to be loved.**
Unison: **Come, let us worship the Lord our God.**

***OPENING HYMN** “Here in this Place” GtG 401

**1. Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away,;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**2. We are the young, our lives are a myst’ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.**

(continued...)

3. Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light-years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we walk in a way that is not good.
We follow our own devices,
and our work is carried out without reference to your will.
We draw lines of distinction among ourselves
rather than celebrating our common humanity.
We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes.
We are impatient with each other
and fail to honor your commandment to love.
We ignore your image in ourselves and in our neighbors.
Forgive us, gracious God.
Lead us out of the darkness we inhabit.
Guide us into your light.
Turn us from our sinful ways,
and return us to you,
that we may walk in your way,
following in the footsteps of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We remind ourselves of the good news we have heard and in which we believe: that the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in constant love.

All: If we confess our sins, God is quick to forgive and to restore us to new life.

One: So let us rejoice and be glad, hearing once again the good news.

All: For in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen! Alleluia!

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 3:23-38

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Unique...and Universal" by Pastor Bill Vincent

*HYMN "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" GtG 193 *(Verses 1, 3-5)*

1. Jesus, take us to the mountain,
where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory,
light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night
by the vision of that sight.

3. What do you want us to hear there,
that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven
says of the Incarnate Word,
"Listen, listen, everyone:
this is my beloved Son."

4. Take us to that other mountain
where we see you glorified,
where you shouted "It is finished!"
where for all the world you died.

(continued...)

**Hear the stunned centurion:
"Truly this was God's own Son!"**

**5. We who have beheld your glory,
risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story,
all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James, and John:
"You are God's beloved Son!"**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (based on *"Belonging to God: A First Catechism"*)

One: "Who are you?"
All: **"I am a child of God."**
One: "What does it mean to be a child of God?"
All: **"That I belong to God, who loves me."**
One: Who are 'they'?
All: **They are children of God.**
One: What does it mean that they are children of God?
All: **That they belong to God, who loves them...and we should, too.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God, in your mercy...
All: **...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*

**With these gifts, O God,
we remember with thanksgiving
the life that we have because of you.
Make us grateful every day
for the privilege of offering ourselves
for the well-being of all your world.
May these gifts we offer
empower our witness to your work in the world. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Let Us Build a House” GtG 301 (*Verses 1, 4, & 5*)

**1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome;
all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.**

**4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome;
all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.**

(continued...)

**5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome;
all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

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