

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

THIRTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
REFORMATION SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Luke 19)*

One: As Jesus called to Zacchaeus, so he calls to us.
All: Jesus longs to abide with us:
One: Here in this place, in our homes,
and wherever the body of Christ is gathered.
All: Jesus invites us, just as we are.
One: Let us worship God, who calls us by name,
who came to seek and save the lost.
All: Let us praise God's name together!

***OPENING HYMN** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" GtG 435

1. **There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.**
2. **For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love
freely given without expectation or strings attached.
While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives,
we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace
conditional for others.
We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy.
We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return.
We would rather love those who are easiest to love.
Forgive us, Redeeming God.
So transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love
that our relationships are transformed as we extend your mercy and grace
as an expression of our gratitude for your saving love we know in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(based on Isaiah 1 and Psalm 32)*

One: God's promises are sure, and
God's faithfulness is from generation to generation.
Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow.
All: **The Lord has promised to forgive all,
and to surround with steadfast love
everyone who trusts in God.**
One: We are forgiven and reconciled
by the grace of Jesus Christ.
Salvation is here!
All: **Amen!**

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 19:1-10

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “The Scandal – and the Promise – of Zacchaeus” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “Jesus Calls Us” GtG 720

1. **Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me."**
2. **Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."**
3. **In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."**
4. **Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Christ calls us to be disciples.
In forming his people and sending them into the world
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.**

(continued...)

**We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.
Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.
It is also God's demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.
Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
we strive to become more faithful and effective
in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: O God, hear us by your grace...
All: ...and enliven us by your love.

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*

**Lord, how can we thank you
for your grace and mercy and love?
You have covered us with blessing
and sustained us with your hope.**

(continued...)

**Most of all
you have given us your very self,
for our life and the life of the world.
We bring our gifts for the sake of those you love,
and we offer ourselves in thanks for your love.
Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN “Will You Come and Follow Me” GtG 726**

- 1. “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown;
will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**
- 2. “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”**
- 3. “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**
- 4. “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**
- 5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

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