

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures for ever!
All: **All nations shall thank you, O God, for your wonderful works.**
You satisfy the thirsty, and the hungry you fill.
One: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" GtG 509

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2. All who hunger, never strangers,
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.

(continued...)

**Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**As we come today to your great table, O God,
we realize how small we have made our own.
Our vision of your grace is too narrow.
Our awareness of your mercy is too limited.
Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short.
We have modified your commands to suit our own egos and desires.
We have wasted resources
while hoarding for our own use what is meant for all to enjoy.
Our concerns are narrow and our compassion is weak.
We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be.
Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings.
Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits,
so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Relentlessly God seeks us out.
All: **With abundant grace and boundless mercy,
across time and space and through the generations,
God seeks us out. This is good news!**
One: Claim the forgiveness God so graciously offers.
Know the new life Christ has given us.
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

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 16:1-13

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Puzzle for the Day...or a Lifetime” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord” GtG 707

1. **Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.**
2. **Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
come thou within our souls and claim thy throne;
help us to shed abroad thy deathless love;
use us to make the earth like heaven above.**
3. **Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;
guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.**
4. **Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

(continued...)

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Lord, in your mercy...
All: ...hear our prayer.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**Redeemed by Christ and gathered to praise you,
we come with thanksgiving, O God our Savior.
You relieve our hunger and quench our thirst;
you fill us with good things and satisfy our needs.
How shall we respond to such goodness and mercy?
By committing all that we have to your honor and glory.
Accept our offerings and receive our tributes,
for they belong to you.
In Christ we pray. Amen.**

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.

(continued...)

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 (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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(You will be invited by the ushers to come forward to the table to receive Communion. Those who choose not to come forward will be served at their seats.)

Sing "One Bread, One Body" GtG 530

Refrain:
**One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**1. Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more.**

Refrain

(continued...)

2. Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

3. Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Refrain

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Prayer

SENDING

***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.

(continued...)

**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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