

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 146)*

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
All: **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**
One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and
All: **who executes justice for the oppressed and
gives food to the hungry.**
One: The Lord sets prisoners free and
lifts up those who are bowed down.
All: **The Lord watches over the stranger and
upholds the orphan and the widow.
The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

***OPENING HYMN** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” GtG 366 *(Tune 761)*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.

(continued...)

Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O loving God, we confess that we have tried to live apart from you. Our daily habits deny your reality. We toil without seeking your will. We work without giving our best. We compete with brothers and sisters without valuing them as your children or relating to them as our kin. We follow fads and false leaders while neglecting our faith. Forgive our misplaced trust, our hesitation to take the risks of caring witness, and our failure to empathize with others. Forgive us; and restore us to right relationship with you and one another. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers, the news is good and it is for you:

All: **Christ made himself a sacrifice once and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.**

One: In Jesus Christ, all our failings are washed away and we are forgiven.
Therefore, be reconciled to God, and to one another.

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 20:45-21:4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “When the Poor Ones” GtG 762

**1. When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.**

**2. When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.**

**3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.**

**4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.**

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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.**

**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: Lord, in your mercy, with your grace...

All: ...receive our prayer.

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.**

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**O God, you give us life;
you are the source of every blessing.
These offerings are but a token of our gratitude to you.
Use them, and us,
to work your will in this world you love,
and let all we say and do be to your glory.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN “Take My Life” GtG 697**

- 1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.**
- 3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.**
- 4. Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

(continued...)

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

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