

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so happy to have you join us for this Service of the Lord's Day. We acknowledge this Sunday as the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 106:1-5)

One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His Steadfast Love endures forever.

ALL: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all His praise? Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

ONE: Remember me, O Lord, when You show Favor to Your people; help me when You deliver them;

ALL: that I may see the prosperity of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory in Your Heritage.

OPENING PRAYER

One: Our Lord and Savior, we are honored and humbled to be with You here on this Holy Ground, praising and worshiping Your Presence in this Sanctuary.

***OPENING HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” GtG 1**

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

(continued...)

3. **Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

4. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Words: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.

Music: NICAEA, John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

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CALL TO CONFESSION

One: This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:5-7). Let us confess our sins to God and to ourselves.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (PSALM 106:6;19-23):

**Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity
and done wickedly.**

They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image.

**They exchanged the Glory of God for the image of an ox that eats
grass.**

**They forgot God, their Savior, Who had done Great Things in Egypt,
Wondrous Works in the land of Ham, and Awesome Deeds by the
Red Sea.**

**Therefore, He said He would destroy them — had not Moses, His
chosen one, stood in the breach before Him to turn away His wrath
from destroying them.**

**God, in Your Mercy, as You forgave them, please forgive us for making
mere objects, people, places, and accomplishments our gods.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (BCW, pg 56-57)

One: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ Rose for us, Christ Reigns in Power for us, Christ Prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you [we] are forgiven and be at peace. Amen

All: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE: “Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)” GtG 581

**1. Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen**

Text: Traditional liturgical text; Music: (GLORIA PATRI (Greatest): Henry W. Greatorex, 1851. Public Domain

THE PEACE

One: Let the Peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this Peace we were called as members of a single body [that is Jesus, the Christ].
The Peace of Christ be with you.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: God our Helper, by Your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into Your Truth and taught Your Will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT	Exodus	32:1-14	(NKJV)
EPISTLE	Philippians	4:1-9	(NKJV)
GOSPEL	Matthew	22:1-14	(NKJV)

PRAYER FOR SERMON

One: Almighty God, may Your Word be a Lamp on our feet, and a Light on our paths (Psalm 119:105 NKJV). Help me to decrease so that You may increase (paraphrased, John 3:30).

SERMON by Reverend Paula Cooper

PRAYER OF PRAISE

One: Now to the Ruler of all worlds, Undying, Invisible, the Only God, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen. (BCW pg. 62).

All: Amen

***HYMN** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *GtG* 475

- 1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!**
- 2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

(continued...)

3. **O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

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***UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Brief Statement of Faith)*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Love of God,
and the Communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully Human, Fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the Reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,**

(continued...)

**suffering the depths of human pain
and giving His Life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating His Sinless Life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to Life Eternal.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*One: "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly
or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)."*

Reflection

***THE DOXOLOGY** GtG #606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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*TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1531.
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****Unison Prayer of Dedication***

**Our Sovereign Lord, everything we own comes from above.
Please receive these tithes and offerings that we bring to You from
our grateful and joyful hearts. Bless these gifts to further Your
work and the mission of the Church. In Jesus' Name we pray,
Amen**

***CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” GtG 546**

- 1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us,
O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.**
- 2. Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful,
ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.**
- 3. Savior, when your love shall call us,
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever,
may we ever
reign with you in endless day.**

*Words: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.; stanza 3, alt. Geoffrey Thring, 1880, alt.
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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***Standing if able.**