

# WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

## **TWENTY-NINTH 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

### **PRELUDE**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 96)*

*One: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!*

**ALL: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

*ONE: Declare God's glory among the nations; God's marvelous works among the peoples!*

**ALL: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!  
Let us worship God!**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

*One: We ascribe to you, Holy God, the glory due your name. We worship you in holy splendor. Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for you will come to judge all people with righteousness and truth.  
Amen.*

### **\*OPENING HYMN** “Great Are You, Lord” (*Great is the Lord*) GtG 614

**1. Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just;  
by your power we trust in your love.**

**Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;  
by your mercy you prove you are love.**

**Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!  
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.**

**Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voices;  
we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!**

**Great are you, Lord!**

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## **CALL TO CONFESSION** (from Isaiah 45: 2-3)

*One: God goes before us to level mountains, to break in pieces doors of bronze, to cut through bars of iron. God gives us the treasures of darkness and wisdom stored in secret places. Let us come before God's throne of mercy and grace, confessing our sins:*

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**You have called us to be your people.  
You have called us to put on robes of righteousness,  
and to rejoice in you always.  
We neglect to do so.  
You have taught us to put on Christ, to be gentle,  
compassionate, and merciful.  
We react with anger and impatience instead of seeking to understand.  
We are anxious and worried about many things.  
You tell us to pray with thanksgiving.  
Help us focus on what is true, honorable and worthy of praise.  
We ask for forgiveness as we come to you in this moment of silence...**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*One: The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel;*

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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.**

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

## **THE PEACE**

One: 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**      *(from Isaiah 45: 3)*

*One: O God, as we hear your Word, give us the treasures of darkness and wisdom stored in secret places so we will know it is you, the Holy One of Israel, who calls us by name. Amen.*

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

|                |                 |         |      |
|----------------|-----------------|---------|------|
| <b>EPISTLE</b> | Philippians     | 4:1-9   | NRSV |
|                | I Thessalonians | 1:1-10  | NRSV |
| <b>GOSPEL</b>  | Matthew         | 22:1-22 | NRSV |

### **PRAYER FOR SERMON**

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

**SERMON**    “*Called and Chosen*”      The Rev. Emily Rosencrans

**\*HYMN**    “God of Grace and God of Glory”    *GtG #307*

**1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

*(continued...)*

2. **Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.**

3. **Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

4. **Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.**

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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.**

*(continued...)*

**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,  
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: Jesus said, "Give to God the things that are God's." Let us give generously realizing everything we have and everything is a gift from above.*

### *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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### ***\*Unison Prayer of Dedication***

**Holy God, we are your called and chosen people. You have made us for yourself so that our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee. Bless this offering for use in your service and may our lives glorify your holy name. Amen.**

## **\*CLOSING 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."**    *(continued...)*

**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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**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Standing if able.**