WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

*** Please stand if you are able** ***GtG* = *Glory to God* Hymnal**

## 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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

**ALL: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,**

*One: though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,*

**ALL: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

*One: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

**ALL: Be still, and know that God is exalted among the nations; God is exalted in the earth.**

*One: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, let us worship the Lord our God.*

## OPENING PRAYER

*One: Almighty God, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

***OPENING HYMN** "O God, Who Gives Us Life" *GtG* 53

1. **O God, who gives us life and breath,**
**who shapes us in the womb,**
**who guards our lives from birth to death,**
**then leads us from the tomb:**
**deliver us from fears that kill**
**the life we have from you.**
**Help us to know your Spirit still**
**is making all things new.**

2. **O God, who calls your people out**
**to venture and to dare,**
**to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt**
**and find you even there:**
**when we despair in wandering**
**through wastes of empty lies,**
**refresh us with the living spring**
**of hope that never dies.**

3. **O God of covenant and law,**
**revealed in cloud and flame,**
**your mighty deeds evoke our awe;**
**we dare not speak your name.**
**Yet we by faith are drawn to you**
**and will your people prove,**
**as on our hearts you write anew**
**the covenant of love.**

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
*In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*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 are forgiven and be at peace.*

**All: Thanks be to God, 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 (Greatorex)): Henry W. Greatorex, 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**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** *(NRSV)*

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| **OLD TESTAMENT** | Jeremiah 31: 31-34 |
| **EPISTLE** | Romans 3:19-28 |

**PRAYER FOR SERMON**

**SERMON** *"I'm Just Not Good Enough"* by Reverend Jay Kanerva

***HYMN** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *GtG* 610

1. **O for a thousand tongues to sing**
**my dear Redeemer's praise,**
**the glories of my God and King,**
**the triumphs of God's grace!**

2. **The name of Jesus charms our fears,**
**and bids our sorrows cease,**
**sings music in the sinner's ears,**
**brings life, and health, and peace.**

3. **Christ speaks, and listening to his voice**
**new life the dead receive;**
**the mournful waken to rejoice;**
**the poor in heart believe.**

*(continued…)*

4. **My gracious Master and my God,**
**assist me to proclaim,**
**to spread through all the earth abroad**
**the honors of thy name.**

**5. To God all glory, praise, and love**
**be now and ever given**
**by saints below and saints above,**
**the church in earth and heaven.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed"**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
**Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;**
**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**
**born of the Virgin Mary,**
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**
**was crucified, dead, and buried;**
**he descended into hell;**
**the third day he rose again from the dead;**
**he ascended into heaven,**
**and sitteth on the right hand**
**of God the Father Almighty;**
**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;**
**the holy catholic church;**
**the communion of saints;**
**the forgiveness of sins;**
**the resurrection of the body;**
**and the life everlasting. 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*

*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.**

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

***CLOSING HYMN** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" *GtG* 451

1. **Open my eyes, that I may see**
   **glimpses of truth thou hast for me.**
   **Place in my hands the wonderful key**
   **that shall unclasp and set me free.**
   **Silently now I wait for thee,**
   **ready, my God, thy will to see.**
   **Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

2. **Open my ears, that I may hear**
   **voices of truth thou sendest clear.**
   **And while the wave notes fall on my ear,**
   **everything false will disappear.**
   **Silently now I wait for thee,**
   **ready, my God, thy will to see.**
   **Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

3. **Open my mouth, and let me bear**
   **gladly the warm truth everywhere.**
   **Open my heart, and let me prepare**
   **love with thy children thus to share.**
   **Silently now I wait for thee,**
   **ready, my God, thy will to see.**
   **Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**