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**COF Worship, June 21, 2020, 10:30 am**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach**

**L:** O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**P:** Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Let us pray: **Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray: *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.*** Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 363). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

### **Song: *I've Got Peace Like a River***

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my heart (repeat)*

*I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my heart (repeat)*

*I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my heart (repeat)*

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. (moment of silence.)**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Response of Praise**

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom power and love, our God is an awesome God! (2x)*

**Special Music** Kim Suer

**Prayer for Illumination**

*Listen to the Word*

*Listen to the word that God has spoken*

*Listen to the one who is close at hand*

*Listen to the voice that began creation*

*Listen even if you don't understand*

**Scripture Romans 6:1-11** What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Hymn Seek Ye First**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness*

*And all these things will be gathered unto you, allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find*

*Knock and the door will be opened unto you, allelu, alleluia!*

**Scripture** <sup>24</sup>"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup>"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**Sermon Rev. Charles Myser**

**Affirmation of Faith—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.

**Offering Prayer** *Thank you to all who continue to give!*

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**Song:** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

*The spirit sends us forth to serve we go in Jesus' name  
To bring good tidings to the poor God's favor to proclaim.*

*We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free,  
Where hope is dim to share the dream and help the blind to see.*

*We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed,  
And, all our days to cherish life, to do the loving deed.*

*Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.  
God's spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.*

**Charge and Benediction**