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**COF Worship, July 5, 2020, 10:30 am**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

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

L: Come to me," Jesus invites.

**P: We come to you.**

L: "Come to me, if you are tired."

**P: We come to you.**

L: "Come to me, if you carry burdens."

**P: We come to you.**

L: "Come, and discover rest for your souls."

**P: Let us come to you, Lord Jesus.**

Let us pray:

**Like an oasis in the desert,  
worship satisfies our sin-besieged souls.**

**Today, O Lord, help us find the good in this life  
by delighting in your presence,  
and help us find the hope**

**you have placed in our innermost selves.** *Ministry Matters.com*

**Hear us also as we pray together the prayer Christ taught: *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. 18, p.363). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

#### **Song: As the Deer**

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.*

*You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.*

*You alone are my strength and shield, to you alone may my spirit yield*

*You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.*

*(Repeat)*

#### **Call to Confession**

Broken as we are

Living in a time of worry and fear and isolation

We are beloved people of God.

God doesn't "need" our confessions

But uses them to heal us  
 For we know that,  
 to admit you have made a mistake  
 Is the first step to making it right.  
 Let us share with God and ourselves and each other  
 The places where we have fallen short  
 As a community  
 As a people  
 As human beings.  
 Let us pray:

### **Prayer of Confession**

For failing to love others as you have loved us . . . God of grace, **forgive us.**  
 For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods . . . God of grace, **forgive us.**  
 For plundering the earth and abusing the planet . . . God of grace, **forgive us.**  
 For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need . . . God of grace, **forgive us.**  
 For losing heart and abandoning hope . . . God of grace, **forgive us.**  
 For all the ways we turn from you . . . God of grace, **forgive us.**

**(moment of silence.)**

**We offer our prayers in the name of the [graceful one], Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 61). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition. (modified)

### **Assurance of Pardon**

As God hears our confessions,  
 may we hear God say in return:  
*I forgive you,*  
*I love you always,*  
*And I am with you.*  
 Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

### **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**

*It is Well with My Soul*

Dawn Farwick and Johanna Willis

### **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 17:15-25** <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at

hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

**Hymn** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine, o what a foretaste of glory divine!*

*Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of God's spirit, washed in his blood.*

*Refrain*

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long! (2x)*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture non burst on my sight;*

*Angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whisper of love.*

*Refrain*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my savior am happy and blessed,*

*Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

*Refrain*

**Scripture Matthew 11:16- 19, 25-30** <sup>16</sup>“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Sermon**

**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!*

## **A Celebration of Holy Communion**

### **Joys and Concerns**

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you... **And also with you**  
 Lift up your hearts... **We lift them to the Lord**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God... **It is right to give our thanks and praise**  
**Holy holy holy, is the Lord of Hosts (2x)**  
**The whole world is full of God's glory(2x)**  
**Holy is the Lord!**

### **Great is the mystery of faith:**

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

### **Words of Institution/ Breaking of the Bread**

### **Communion of the People**

### **Prayer After Communion**

#### **Song: *Guide My Feet***

*Guide my feet, while I run this race (3x)*

*For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*Hold my hand, while I run this race (3x)*

*For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*Stand by me, while I run this race (3x)*

*For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*I'm your child, while I run this race (3x)*

*For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

### **Charge and Benediction**