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COF Worship, August 2, 2020, 10:30 am



Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

L: This is the day the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Call upon the Lord, and the Lord will answer.

P: Show us your steadfast love, Gracious God, this day and always.

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Let us pray:

Spirit of God,

In joy and sorrow,

In activity and rest, in health and sickness,

You uplift, renew and recreate [our] lives.

Your ways are not [our] ways,

Seldom can [we] anticipate what lies ahead.

Give [us] strength to trust in your direction

Away from loneliness and hostility.

Give [us] hope to hold on

In the face of illusion.

Give [us] faith to know

You are present and leading me to God. Leo Piguet, *100 Prayers for Celebrating the Liturgical Seasons*. 2002:

Thomas More Publishing, Allen, TX. P. 129

And now, gracious God, 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: *Come and Find the Quiet Center* (words will appear on the screen)

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

Gracious God,
 provider of all we need,
 we are often content to rely on our own devices,
 our creativity, our cleverness.
 We congratulate ourselves for our accomplishments,
 yet we find that these achievements and acquisitions
 do not fill the deep hunger inside of us.
 We long for the Spirit bread you alone can provide.
 Forgive us, merciful God.
 Help us receive the blessings you offer,
 that we may be your bread for the world—
 blessed, broken for all. *MinistryMatters.com*
 (moment of silence.)

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 *Doxology*

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!

Special Music

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 Isaiah 55: 1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Hymn How Firm a Foundation

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent word.
What more can be said than to you God has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God, and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.*

*The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose'
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."*

Scripture Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon

Offering Prayer Thank you to all who continue to give!

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, each one of us with our whole heart, and also with the whole heart of

this community of faith. For the gifts you have given to us we will glorify your name forever. Accept our offering today, of heart, of love, of time, talents and financial resources and lead us to use them with care and boldness, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Music by Trinity College Singers, Melbourne, 2012.

Let us talents and tongues employ,

Reaching out with a shout of joy;

Bread is broken, the wine is poured,

Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound!

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Christ is able to make us one,

At the table he sets the tone,

Teaching people to love, to bless,

Love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

Jesus calls us in, sends us out

Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

Gives us love to tell bread to share:

God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Refrain

Charge and Benediction