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

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

L: Today is the Lord's day!

P: Let us give thanks to God today!

L: For God made us all and we are God's

P: Thanks be to God for all our days!

Let us pray: **O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together: *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.373). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Song: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God onlingingy wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes.

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might.

Thy justice like mountain high soaring above thy clouds , which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all live thou livest, the true life of all;

We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee,

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;

All praise would we render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in

you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 60). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

(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

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 Romans 12:9-21 ⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hymn *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

*Take up your cross, the savior said, if you would my disciple be
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.*

*Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let our foolish heart be still
The lord for you accepted death upon a cross on Calvary.*

*Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave
It guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.*

Scripture Matthew 16:21-28 ²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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: God Be With You Till We Meet Again

*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting, hide you
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
Put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again.*

Charge and Benediction