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COF Worship, August 9, 2020, 10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

L: Give thanks to God! Let us call out to God by name! Let's tell everyone we meet what God has done!

P: We will sing songs to God, loudly and proudly! We will pray in confidence that God will hear us.

L: Let us be watching for God's work in the world, and let's join in God's

work wherever we can.

P: Let us remember the glorious things that God has done, for us and for all who are in God's world.

Let us pray: **Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose; that we, who cannot exist without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray saying: *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.370). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Song: Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation!

O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

Join my in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustianeth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again;

Gladly for aye we adore him.

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

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, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Presbyterian Church.
 Book of Common Worship (pp. 20-21). 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 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, you alone O Lord are Holy
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia (repeat)

Sharing of the Peace

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 10:5-15 Moses wrote that anyone who insists on using the law code to live right before God soon discovers it's not so easy—every detail of life regulated by fine print! But trusting God to shape the right living in us is a different story—no precarious climb up to heaven to recruit the Messiah, no dangerous descent into hell to rescue the Messiah. So what exactly was Moses saying?

The word that saves is right here,
 as near as the tongue in your mouth,
 as close as the heart in your chest.

It's the word of faith that welcomes God to go to work and set things right for us. This is the core of our preaching. Say the welcoming word to God—"Jesus is my Master"—embracing, body and soul, God's work of doing in us what he did in raising Jesus from the dead. That's it. You're not "doing" anything; you're simply calling out to God, trusting him to do it for you. That's salvation. With your whole being you embrace God setting things right, and then you say it, right out loud: "God has set everything right between him and me!" Scripture reassures us, "No one who trusts God like this—heart and soul—will ever regret it." It's exactly the same no matter what a person's religious background may be: the same God for all of us, acting the same incredibly generous way to everyone who calls out for help. "Everyone who calls, 'Help, God!' gets help." But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it? That's why Scripture exclaims,

A sight to take your breath away!
 Grand processions of people
 telling all the good things of God!

Hymn *Though I May Speak*

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire
 And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
 But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
 Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.*

Scripture Matthew 14:22-33 ²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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.

Song: *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

*O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
To preach your true salvation in every age and land
Pour out your holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.*

*Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth;
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
By grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.*

*Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
Where innocents are frightened the righteous fear to speak.
There let your church awaking attack the powers of sin
And, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.
This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
Shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings,
The final consummation, the glory of all things.*

Charge and Benediction