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COF Worship, October 4, 2020 10:30 am



Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

L: O sing to the Lord a new song;

P: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

L: Sing and give praise to God's name;

P tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 54). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Let us pray: **God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior; 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. 56, p.375). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Song: *When Morning Gilds the Skies (487)*

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair, may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin:

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world,

and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. (moment of silence.) Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 57-59). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

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 *Glory Be to the Father*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, 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 Philippians 3:4b-14 If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (101)*

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;

All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

*See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e're such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life my all.*

Scripture Matthew 21:33-46 ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith *From “A Brief Statement of Faith”, PCUSA*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing can separate us from God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 86-88). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.*

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: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so...

I'm gonna pray so...

I'm gonna sing so...

Charge and Benediction