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COF Worship, February 14, 2021, 10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering and Praise

Centering Music

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

P: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

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

Let us pray: God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever; hear us as we pray to you also the prayer that Christ taught us: ***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. 19). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness fill us with the light of day.

All thy with joy surround thee, Earth and Heaven reflect thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began,

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Call to Confession

When we bring our confessions to God, we are also owning up within ourselves the mistakes we have made and the ways we have caused injury in our lives. Trusting in God's mercy, let us offer our confession to our graceful God:

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. (moment of silence.) Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 21). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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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 *Video—Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 68). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Scripture **I Corinthians 9:24-27** ²⁴Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. ²⁵Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; ²⁷but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

Hymn *When We Are Living*

When we are living it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.

Both in our living, and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty, or in love's embrace.

Whether we suffer or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.

*Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind.
But when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God.*

Scripture Mark 1:40-45 ⁴⁰ A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' ⁴¹ Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³ After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' ⁴⁵ But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed (ecumenical)*

I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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!*

God, whose giving knows no ending, we thank you for your generosity to us. In the offerings we give today may we find ways to bring hope to the hopeless, food to the hungry, and justice to the oppressed, to the glory of your abundant kin-dom. Amen.

Joys and concerns

Prayers of Intercession

(Moment of silent prayer)

Receive all these prayers, O God, in the tenderness of your mighty hand, and strengthen our hands to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship Kindle edition (p. 24).

Going to Serve

Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

*Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, and where there's doubt true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace, where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.*

Bridge:

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

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Charge and Benediction