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COF Worship, February 7, 2021, 10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering and Praise

Centering Music

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord! Our God is a gracious God and it is right to sing praises to God!

P: How good it is to bring praises to our God!

L: Our God comforts the sorrowful and heals those who are wounded.

P: How good it is to bring praises to our God!

L: Our God is a God of justice, of kindness and of love.

P: How good it is to bring praises to our God!

Let us pray: Gracious God, you are loving to us beyond measure. We are blessed to be your people and live within your grace. May our worship today, and our actions tomorrow, glorify your holy name. Hear us now as we pray the prayer 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.***

Song: *Awesome God*

*Our God is an awesome God, who reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love our God is an awesome God.*

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love our God is an awesome God*

Our God is an awesome God, our God is an awesome God

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 grace, let us offer our confession to our gracious God:

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and understanding, when we are weak you call us to be stronger. When we forget to be kind, you remind us to love our neighbors. When we ignore the cries of the oppressed and poor, you show us ways to encourage justice in the system, and to hold out a helping hand to those in need. Forgive us our shortcomings and heal us of our sinfulness, that our actions tell the story of your goodness and love. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Pardon

L: 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.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p.205). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

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

Hearing the Word

May we have ears to hear the word you have for us today, O God, and may we be strengthened in our faith by what we hear. Amen.

Scripture **I Corinthians 9:16-23** ¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Hymn *There is a Balm in Gilead (394)*

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,

But then the holy Spirit revives my soul again

Refrain

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,

You can tell the love of Jesus, and say “he died for all.”

Refrain

Scripture Mark 1:29-32 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” ³⁸He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts (2x)

The whole world is full of God’s glory (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Song *Let Us Break Bread Together (513)*

Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees)

Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees)

Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Prayer After Communion

Going to Serve

Song *In Christ There is No East or West (440)*

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,

But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find,

His service is the golden cord close binding human-kind.

Join hands disciples of the faith, what e're your race may be

All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north,

All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Charge and Benediction