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COF Worship, June 6, 2021 11:15 am

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering and Praise

Prelude/ Centering Music

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

L: This is the day that the Lord has made! **P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: This is a day of new beginnings! **P: This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.**

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship **P: Let us be prepared for service to God.**

Let us pray: Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. We pray this day in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us also to pray: ***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.***

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Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (479, tune 478)*

Call to Confession

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 20). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray: For failing to love others as you have loved us . . . **God of grace, forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods . . . **God of grace, forgive us.**

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet . . . **God of grace, forgive us.**

For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need . . . **God of grace, forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope . . . **God of grace, forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you . . . **God of grace, forgive us.**

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 61). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

(Silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response of Praise *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me, Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

First Reading 1 Samuel 8:4-10, 19-20 ⁴Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” ¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king... ¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God (316)*

Gospel Reading Mark 3:20-35 ²⁰And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— ³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” ³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith *Nicene Creed*

L: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

P: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

L: For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

P: For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

L: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

P: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (pp. 82-83). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Offering prayer

L: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

P: The world, and those who live in it.

L: With gratitude and generosity, let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 25). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Response of Praise *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures, here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation and 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.**

It is truly right...

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

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

Holy is the Lord

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

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Going to Serve

Hymn *Every Time I Feel the Spirit (315)*

Charge and Benediction

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Praise My Soul, The God of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven, glad of heart your carols raise;

*Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the maker all your days!*

*Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever, slow to chide and quick to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia, sing our maker's faithfulness!*

*Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame;
Gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me praise God's name!*

*Angels, teach us adoration, you behold God face to face;
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do with thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

Every Time I Fee the Spirit

*Refrain Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray,
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.*

*Up on the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.*

Refrain

*Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track; it runs to heaven and then straight back.*

Refrain