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Worship, January 23, 2022, 11:15 am

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: Purple and red and pink is the sunrise, the sky praising God with glorious color.

P: Without a sound the earth speaks the glory of God.

L: Great is the law of God, bringing joy and wisdom to God's good creation.

P: Together let us worship God whose law is love.

Let us pray: **Loving God, your law of love is wise and good. Lead us to join together with the whole creation in singing your praises and sharing your love, to your glory and honor forever. Amen.**

+Song: *The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise (Psalm 19:1-6) *words 166, music 386**

Call to Confession

L: The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Let us make our confessions and seek the grace of God together. Let us pray:

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.)

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

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p.20--21). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Response of Praise *Come and Fill Our Hearts (2157) 2x*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace; you alone O Lord are holy;

Come and fill our hearts with your peace; alleluia

Sharing of the Peace

Hear the teaching of Christ: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. May the love and peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Please share the sign of the peace with one another.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 22). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Anthem *Be Not Afraid* by Craig Courtney

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 12:12-31** ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Hymn *We All are One in Mission* (words 435, music 447)

Gospel Reading **Luke 4:14-21** ¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to

the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

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.

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 in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Offering Prayer

In response to God's goodness, let us give thanks to God. Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who is the light of the world. Amen.

Response of Praise *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (593)*

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, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

We approach God in prayer not as strangers, but as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus, saying: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Moment of silence) Mighty God, whose Word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: Accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose for the earth; through Jesus Christ, who rules over all things. **Amen.**

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Taking the Word into the World

+Song: *Live Into Hope (332)*

+Charge and Benediction

+Stand as you are able

Hymns

The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise

The heavens above declare God's praise, the work God's hands have made;
Day after day the tale is told, and night by night displayed.

There is no utterance or speech, no voice has ever heard,
Yet to all nations comes the sound, to every place their word.

Forth like a bridegroom comes the sun from its appointed place.
And like a hero runs its course, rejoicing in the race.

It runs from east to farthest west to make its course complete,
And nothing in the world beneath can live without its heat. (edited)

We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ the Lord of all,
A single great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same;
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we are all one in call
Our varied gifts united by Christ the Lord of all.

Live Into Hope

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight restored the end of greed
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope the blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear—a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak the right to be,
The right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope or captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.