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**Worship, February 13, 2022, 11:15 am**

**Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements  
Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Centering Music**

**+Call to Worship**

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.**

Let us pray: **O God, light of the hearts that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, and to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ, 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. 54). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**+Song:** *Gather Us In* (2236)

**Call to Confession**

L: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 56). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, You made us in Your image, with minds to know You, with hearts to love you, with wills to serve You. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant and immature, and our obedience incomplete and self-serving. Help us to-day by day- grow in Your likeness, which is so widely displayed in the diversity of creation. Help us to understand our own prejudices and narrow mindedness. Help us to love our neighbor as we ourselves long to be loved. Help us to serve others with humility and gratitude. Do not hold our sin against us, but help us to repent of outdated and inappropriate world views. Help us to mature in our thinking, loving and serving. (moment of silence.)**

*Churchofscotland.org.uk/worship*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

L: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p.60,63). 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.

**Anthem** *Speak, O Lord* arranged by Lloyd Larson

## **Hearing the Word**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**God, you root those who trust in you by streams of healing water. Release us from the bonds of disease, free us from the power of evil, and turn us from falsehood and illusion, that we may find the blessing of new life in you through the power of Christ. Amen.**

*Revised*

*Common Lectionary Prayers, lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers*

**First Reading** **Jeremiah 17:5-10** <sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. <sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? <sup>10</sup>I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

**Hymn** *Wounded World That Cries for Healing (2177, sung to 376)*

**Gospel Reading** **Luke 6:17-26** <sup>17</sup>He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you

will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

## **Sermon**

### **Responding to the Word**

**Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles’ Creed (ecumenical version, p.15 BH)*

#### **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**

To God who welcomes all in love, let us pray for the good of the church and the concerns of those in need: *(Silent prayer)*

God of every land and nation, you have created all people and you dwell among us in Jesus Christ. Listen to the cries of those who pray to you, and grant that, as we proclaim the greatness of your name, all people will know the power of love at work in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, [lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers)*

### **Taking the Word into the World**

**+Song:** *Bind Us Together (2226)*

#### **+Charge**

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you

May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.      *--St. Therèse of Lisieux and St. Theresa of Avila*

#### **+Benediction**

**+Stand as you are able**

## Hymns

### Gather Us In

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,  
 See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 Gather us in—the lost and forsaken, gather us in— the blind and the lame;  
 Call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young—our lives are a mystery, we are the old—who yearn for your face;  
 We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
 Gather us in—the rich and the haughty, gather us in—the proud and the strong;  
 Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take of the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
 Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you,  
 Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away,  
 But here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom now is the day.  
 Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own  
 Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of our love in our flesh and our bone.

### Wounded World That Cries for Healing

Wounded world that cries for healing here we hold each other's pain,  
 Wounded systems, bruised and bleeding bear the load, the scars of strain;  
 Dollars ration our compassion, hard decisions rule the day,  
 Jesus of the healing spirit, free us to another way!

Through our nation's spent frustration, through the corridors of stress  
 May there move a kindlier wisdom all may feel and all may bless;  
 Tax and tithe are for a purpose shared to shield the poor and weak;  
 Past the symptoms of our sickness let the voice of justice speak.

Honor those whose loving spirit nurses hope, restores and heals,  
 Towel and basin used in service like the Christ who comes and kneals;  
 In the tending, in the mending, may we see the right and fair,  
 In our common quest for wholeness heal each other by our care.

### Bind Us Together

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that can never be broken.  
 Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together with love.

There is only one God, there is only one king, there is only one Spirit, that is why we sing.

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 Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together with love.