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(conference call only)

Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live  
Worship, February 20, 2022, 11:15 am

## Gathering

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

#### +Call to Worship

L: Come before the God of love. Come as you are, no pretense, no judgment, come with your thoughts and your feeling, in the highs and lows of life, come with your successes and failures, come knowing that you are loved unconditionally.

**P: We come before the Lord our God, in the quiet spaces and the busy places, in worship, praise and thanksgiving, for all we have and all we are is a gift from God.**

Churchofscotland.org.uk/worship. Adapted.

Let us pray: **Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying: *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. 224). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**+Song:** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name (460)*

#### Call to Confession

L: The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Let us pray together the prayer of confession.

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

#### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. (moment of silence.)**

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

#### Assurance of Pardon

L: 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** *Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness* 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. *Revised Common Lectionary*

**First Reading** **Genesis 45:3-11, 15** <sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

<sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**Hymn** *Great is Thy Faithfulness (276)*

**Gospel Reading** **Luke 6:27-38**<sup>27</sup>"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

## 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:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit (315)*

**+Charge** Proclaim the good news, be persistent in prayer, do the work of the gospel, and carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 155). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.*

### +Benediction

**+Stand as you are able**

## **HYMNS**

### **Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you;  
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heaven above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising.  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, holy son, holy spirit: three we name you,  
While in essence only one; undivided God we claim you.  
And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

### **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever shall be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I hath needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

### **Every Time I Feel 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, til 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 right back.

Refrain