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(conference call only)

Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live
Worship, February 27, 2022, 11:15 am

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Christ Candle
Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: We who have come to follow Jesus hear his voice, calling us to be apart for a little while.

P: We will listen and follow, and open ourselves to new visions.

L: The one who leads us will reveal to us who he is.

P: May our hearts be open to God's bright glory, shining in the face of Christ the Son!

Let us pray: **God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence, the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love, we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Help us to see him more clearly as we gather in his name, and through him to find our way to living faithfully as your children; for we pray, as Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.***

www.lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com (Disciples of Christ)

+Song: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (483)*

Call to Confession

L: God calls us to repentance as beloved children of God. Let us pray together the prayer of confession:

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

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you call us to draw near, yet we fail to hear your voice. We sleepwalk through life, ignoring the needs of people all around us and worrying about our own desires. Forgive us: when we shut out the call to climb into your presence; when we make excuses to put off that journey. Have mercy on us, O Lord, as we silently open our hearts and confess our sins:

(Time of silence)

Hear our pleas, O God, and lift us to newness of life. Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon

L: We worship a forgiving God, whose mercy is never ending, whose heart abounds in steadfast love. Because of the love of Jesus Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God. 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.

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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

In the face of a stranger, in the greeting of a friend, we see our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the love and peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

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Anthem *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* by Craig Courtney

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, you revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ. Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of your Word, that we may boldly live the gospel and shine with your transforming glory, as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of our Savior. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.org/prayers

First Reading Exodus 34:29-35 ²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Hymn *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding (2103)*

Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-36 ²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he

said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

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God, as your Son drew apart to be in prayer with you, we offer our prayers for the transformation of the world and the church.

Prayers of the people and silent reflection, concluding with:

You revealed your glory and presence in your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. In receiving our prayers, reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit alive in the world today, free us from all doubts, and empower us to act as a transfigured people. Amen.

Revised

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

Taking the Word into the World

+Song: *Arise, Your Light is Come (411)*

+Charge Led by the Spirit, go forth in God's love. Illumined by the Spirit, shine with Christ's light.

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+Benediction

+Stand as you are able

HYMNS

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled; to God all grace and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! All is just and all is right: to God all grace and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
And ever present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band; to God all grace and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part; to God all grace and glory!

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet;
Christ with garments drenched with brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

Arise, Your Light is Come

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of the Lord that shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones, and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing: God's power will make us strong.