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Worship, March 27, 2022, 11:15 am

Gathering Around the Word

## Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Candle

### Centering Music

### +Call to Worship

L: I was glad when they said to me,

P: "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

L: O praise the Lord with me,

P: Let us exalt God's name together.

Let us pray: Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and 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. 54). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

+Song: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (473)

## Call to Confession

This is the proof of God's great love: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

### Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; (moment of silence.)

### Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

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### Response *Father, Forgive Them*

*Father, forgive, for they know not what they do;*

*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.*

## The Peace

**Anthem** *The Day the Cross Held Up the Sky* by Douglas Nolan

### Hearing the Word

#### Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

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

**Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:16-21** <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Hymn** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (280)

**Gospel Reading Luke 15:11-32** <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

## Sermon

### Responding to the Word

#### Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### 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: 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 is the light of the world. Amen.**

#### Celebration of Holy Communion

##### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

##### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Chorus (all):** *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts (2x)*

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

*Holy is the Lord!*

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

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

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##### Communion of the People

**Chorus (all):** *Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and you will not hunger*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.*

##### Prayer After Communion

### Taking the Word into the World

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

**+Charge** God has called us all to bear witness to hope and goodness. Know that you have been healed of all that prevents you from serving God. Go forth with God's love and blessing to bring Good News to this hurting world.

#### +Benediction

**+Stand as you are able**

## **HYMNS**

### **For the Beauty of the Earth**

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies  
 For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,  
 Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
 For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,  
 Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
 Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
 Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

### **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
 I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved,;  
 How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
 He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

### **Bind Us Together**

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
 Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

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

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

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### Scriptures for Sunday, April 3

Isaiah 43:16–21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b–14  
John 12:1–8

### In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy  
Ruth Roeber  
The McDermott family  
Johanna Willis  
Nita Kleier  
Jean Jennings' family  
Emille Walden  
Kelly Montana  
Lynda Jaeger  
Kittie Dupps  
Skip Dixon & Family  
Ron Carlin  
Ella Grace Marksberry

### Upcoming Worship Services:

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

### Updated Contact Information:

Has any of your contact information changed in the last year? If so, contact Stephanie in the church office to update your information.

### CLASP Carrabba's Spring FUNd-Raiser:

On Tuesday, April 5, and Wednesday, April 6, Carrabbas restaurant at the Crestview Hills Town Center will sponsor a FUNd- raiser on behalf of CLASP. For every person who brings a CLASP coupon to the restaurant either of those days, Carrabbas will donate 20% of the purchase price to CLASP. Coupons are available on the information table, and will be on the Community of Faith Facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/cofnky>).

### Lenten Bible Study:

Join us on Sundays at 7 pm for a Lenten Bible Study via Zoom. Contact Rev. Sharon for more information.

### Liturgist Sign-Up:

Liturgists are needed for March and April. If you haven't served as liturgist for a while, now is your chance! There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the front door.

### "One Great Hour of Sharing" Special Offering:

According to PCUSA.org, "A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed." This special offering will be collected until April 17.

### Time and Talents:

Please be on the lookout for a "time and talents sheet" that will be coming soon. We're in need of counters, liturgists, Sunday School leaders, and COF/ CSPC Join Actions Team members, among other things. You have a talent to share, we have needs—it all comes together!