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(conference call only)

Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live

**Worship, June 19, 2022, 11:15 am**

+Stand as you are able

## Gathering

### Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

### Centering Music

### +Call to Worship

L: Come, Lord God, and be with us in this hour.

**P: Too often our cares and our worries keep us at a distance from our God.**

L: Come, Lord God, and speak a word of comfort  
to your troubled people.

**P: Help us hear you, Lord God, in the quietness of these moments.**

Let us pray: **God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory; through Jesus Christ, 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. 19). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

### +Hymn *As the Deer* (2025)

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of earthquake, wind, and fire,

God of healing touch and uniting love,

God of our ancestors, neighbors, and grandchildren,

God of deafening silence and quiet harmonies –

**We are drawn by Your Spirit calling out to our own souls, for You are the source of all life, the home to which we will return. In You we find strength and comfort, safety and courage.**

**May all that is in us, praise You, O God!**

**We are crafted in Your divine image: we rejoice;**

**we fall short of Your perfect love: we lament;**

**we contribute to the pain of others: we confess;**

**we fear what we do not understand: we repent.**

**In our return to You, welcoming God, we seek Your healing, transforming touch, knowing You will not withhold it, not now, not ever: praise be to You, O God!**

*Church of Scotland.org.uk*

**(Moment of silent prayer)**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 355). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

### **Response of Praise**     *Bless the Lord (3x)*

*Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name; bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.*

### **Passing of the Peace**

## **Hearing the Word**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace. Amen.**

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**Scripture Reading Galatians 3:23-29** 23Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

### **Hymn**     *Be Thou My Vision (339)*

**Gospel Reading Luke 8:26-39** 26Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"— 29for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. 31They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. 32Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. 34When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36Those who

had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

## 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.**

#### 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.*

#### Joys and Concerns

##### Prayers of the People

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world...

Hear our prayers, God of power, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world.

Amen. *Lectionary.library.Vanderbilt.edu*

### Taking the Word into the World

**+Song** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (2241)*

**+Charge and Benediction**

## **HYMNS**

### **As the Deer**

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
 You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.  
 You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield.  
 You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

### **Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, nought be all else to me, save that thou art—  
 My best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance now and always;  
 Thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word, I enter with the and thou with me Lord;  
 Heart of mine own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

### **The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve**

The spirit sends us forth to serve, we go in Jesus' name  
 to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;  
 where hope is dim to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed  
 and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving thing.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.  
 God's Spirit has empowered us, we go in Jesus' name.