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Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live

Worship, July 17, 2022, 11:15 am

+Stand as you are able

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Lighting of the Christ Candle Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: Seek refuge in God!

P: Like green olive trees in the house of God, we dwell in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

L: Seek refuge in God!

P: We put our trust in God, because of God's mighty deeds.

L: Seek refuge in God!

L: In the presence of the faithful, we proclaim God's holy name.

Let us pray: We come to your house seeking your presence, O God. For in the mystery of our universe, you created all things in heaven and on earth and reconciled all things to you, by and in Jesus Christ. So we stand before you steadfast in the hope promised by our brother, Jesus; 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.

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+Hymn Come and Find the Quiet Center (2128)

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us pray together the prayer of confession:

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 to the glory of your holy name. (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!

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

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

Response of Praise O Lord, Hear My Prayer (2200) 2x O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, when we call, answer us. O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, come and listen to us.

Passing of the Peace

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.

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

Scripture Reading **Colossians 1:15-20** ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Hymn A Mighty Fortress is Our God (260)

Gospel Reading Luke 10:38-42 38Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." 41But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

L: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

P: The world, and those who live in it.

L: Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

P: and of your own we give you.

L: 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; in the way of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

Taking the Word into the World

is now and ev-er shall be.

+Song I've Got Peace Like a River (368)

As it was in the be-gin-ning,

+Charge and Benediction

HYMNS

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Come and find the quiet center in the quiet life we lead, find the room for hope to enter find the frame where we are freed. Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace. God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base, Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, Let our loves and fears unravel celebrate the space we gain; There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing. Were not the right man by our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabbaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us. We will not fear for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him/

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;

The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, his kingdom is forever.

I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul. (Repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul. (repeat)

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul (repeat.)