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**August 7, 2022, 11:15 am**

## **Gathering Around the Word**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Lighting of the Candle**

### **Centering Music**

### **Call to Worship**

L: Give thanks to God, for God is good!

**P: The love of God will always be with us!**

L: Come and sing and pray and laugh together today

**P: And celebrate together God's love for us.**

Let us pray: **Holy God, we are amazed and astonished by your love for us and by the way you care for our every need. Open our hearts to accept your love and provision as we worship you today; and pray to you as Jesus taught us to pray together: *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.***

**Hymn** *Praise Ye, the Lord, the Almighty (482)*

### **Call to Confession**

What does the Lord require of us? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with them. Together let us make our confessions and seek forgiveness for where we have stumbled:

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace, we want to be obedient to your call and do for others as you do for us. Yet we are fallible humans, prone to seeking our own comfort and following our own desires. We do not seek justice for all and we judge others who ask; we are not consistently kind and loving, saving our kindness for those to whom we are partial; and we don't walk beside you, preferring to run ahead or lag behind as our mood and attention span directs us.**

**Have mercy on us, loving God, and bring to us a realization of what it truly means to be your people in the world. Forgive and heal us so that we might walk beside you with glad and humble hearts. (moment of silence.)**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

L: Our God is a loving and forgiving God. Rejoice in this good news: we are forgiven!

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

**Response** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the son, whose grace has pardoned me*

*And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.*

## **The Peace**

### **Hearing the Word**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer (1549)

**Scripture** The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! <sup>11</sup>What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. <sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; <sup>13</sup>bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. <sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup>When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup>learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. <sup>18</sup>Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. <sup>19</sup>If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; <sup>20</sup>but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

**Hymn** *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* (15)

**Scripture** **Luke 12: 32-40** <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

#### **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 a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace...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.** --Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 87). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

### **Offering Prayer**

L: In the spirit of the first believers, we are called to share our goods in common and contribute to the needs of the poor with glad and generous hearts. Let us pray:

**P: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the many blessings you have given to us, and for the opportunity to share what we have with others who are in need. Help us to use our gifts of money, time and talents to shape the world in your image. 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**

**Prayer After Communion**

### **Taking the Word into the World**

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

**+Charge and Benediction**

**+Stand as you are able**

## **HYMNS**

### **Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
 All ye who hear now to his temple draw near;  
 Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
 Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.  
 Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
 Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praise before him!  
 Let the amen sound from his people again;  
 Gladly, for aye, we adore him!

### **Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers**

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;  
 The evening is advancing and darker night is near.  
 The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh;  
 Up, watch with expectation, at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;  
 Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.  
 The marriage feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;  
 Arise, O heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
 Arise, Thou sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere!  
 With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
 The day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

### **Arise, Your Light is Come!**

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
 Show forth the glory of the Lord which 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!