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Worship

January 29, 2023, 11:15 am

+Stand as you are able

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: Why do we come to this place?

P: To hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

L: Why do we come to this place?

P: To hear the truth that the world does not tell us.

L: What is this truth?

P: That God is the way, the truth, and the life for all who God created.

Let us pray: **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.**

Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+Hymn *We Sing to You, O God* #2001

Call to Confession

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world on our behalf. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our errors and seek forgiveness:

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, we confess that we have created you in our own image, in order to contain and control you. We want our truth to be the truth, even when it isn't the truth that you brought to us in the person of Jesus Christ: that love of you and love of neighbor are our primary duties. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, when we ignore your truth for our own, and when we ignore our neighbors because they don't conform to our idea of truth. Help us to find the way, the truth and the life in you rather than in ourselves. *(Moment of silent prayer)*

Assurance of Pardon

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

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

Response of Praise *Awesome God (3x)*

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love, our God is an awesome God.*

Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us share the sign of the peace with one another.

Anthem

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

May our hearts be opened to the truth you have for us today, O God of truth and love; and may our eyes be opened to the need around us for your word to be acted upon. Amen.

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 1:10-18 ¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hymn *When We are Living* #400

Gospel Reading Matthew 4: ¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with

their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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, 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.***

Response of Praise *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* 593

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Loving God, you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust. Hear our prayers for your church and world:

for the hungry and the overfed, **may we have enough;**

for the mourners and the mockers, **may we laugh together;**

for the victims and the oppressors, **may we share power wisely;**

for the peacemakers and the warmongers, **may clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;**

for the silenced and the propagandists, **may we speak our own words in truth;**

for the unemployed and the overworked, **may our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;**

for the troubled and the secure, **may we live together as wounded healers;**

for the homeless and the pampered, **may our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;**

for the vibrant and the dying, **may we all die to sin and live to love.**

(moment of silence)

Mighty God, whose Word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: Accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose for the earth; through Jesus Christ, who makes all things possible. Amen.

Taking the Word into the World

+Song *Live Into Hope* 332

+Charge and Benediction