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## Worship

**February 5, 2023, 11:15 am**

*+Stand as you are able*

## Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Lighting of the Christ Candle**  
**Centering Music**

### +Call to Worship

L: This is the day the Lord has made!

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in in!**

L: Let us praise God from the hilltop!

**P: Let us give glory to God in our words and songs!**

L: For God is here, within us and around us.

**P: God's love for us is always with us.**

Let us pray: **Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**+Hymn**     *As the Deer #626 GTG*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and Loving God, you call us to be salt and light to the world, to bring your light into a darkened world. And yet we have trouble knowing what to do; there is so much need and so few resources that it seems our light doesn't make a difference. Forgive our reserve and uncertainty, O Lord, and help us to see that if we put all of our resources together, our light will shine more brightly and we will find those lost ones who need your love and our love the most. (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

**Open our hearts and minds today, God of wisdom, and help us to hear and understand your word for us today. May your word be our guide in all we do. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**     **Matthew 5:1-12**     When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Hymn**     *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*     #12 GTG

**Gospel Reading**     **Matthew 5:13-20**     <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

### 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**

## 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.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord— we praise you for your love: bringing order out of chaos, breathing life into dust, leading captives into freedom, calling wandering children home, giving bread to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to life.

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

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

**Holy is the Lord!**

Thank you, Lord— we thank you for Jesus: Word made flesh, light of the world, living water, shepherd and gate, way and truth, bread of heaven, cup of salvation, resurrection, and life.

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

Spirit, come— come and live in us: in this bread, in this cup, in your people, one in the body, one in the blood; one with Christ, one in ministry, in this place, in every place; in this world, in the world to come. Come to us as we pray together the prayer Christ taught to his disciples, that has been passed down through the generations to us:

**The Lord's Prayer**

***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.***

**Words of Institution**

Take this bread and cup, O God— a feast of grace;

Take our hearts and lives— an offering of praise.

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Taking the Word into the World

**+Song** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service #761 GTG*

**+Charge and Benediction**