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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

## OPENING WORDS

As we gather to worship you, Holy One,

**Show us your presence, O God.**

As we unite our voices to praise you, Lover of Justice,

**Show us your ways, O God.**

As we tremble in the cleft of the rock,

Silently awaiting you, Merciful One,

**Show us your goodness, O God.**

Let the earth shake in your praise, Most High!

**We extol your great and awesome name, ever-present God!**

(Exodus 33, Psalm 99)

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrate God's love, which has been poured into your life!

**Forgiveness, encouragement, support, and healing are gifts of God to us.**

Reach out and care for those around you.

**We will be people of peace and justice.**

Shout for joy!

**Sing God's praises always! Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory" vss. 1,2,4

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
- 4 Save us weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
While we were sinners  
Christ died for us.  
Because we have faith in him,  
We dare to approach God with confidence.  
In faith and penitence,  
Let us confess our sin to God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**  
**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry for all we have done to displease you.**  
**Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?  
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us,  
Christ prays for us.  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Friends, know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## SONG OF AFFIRMATION #581

“Glory Be to the Father”

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## FIRST READING – Exodus 33:12-23

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING — Matthew 22:15-22

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION:                                    “Render to God what is God’s”                                   Tom Bajkiewicz

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## HYMN #681                                    “*This is the Day the Lord Hath Made*”                                   vss. 1-4

- 1     This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are all God’s own. Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.
- 2     Hosanna to the anointed King, to David’s holy Son! Help us, O Lord; descend and bring salvation from the throne.
- 3     Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with messages of grace, who comes in this accepted hour to save our sinful race.
- 4     Hosanna in the highest strains the church on earth can raise! The highest heavens in which God reigns shall now resound with praise.

## CALL TO OFFERING

*Please reflect on the blessings God has given you and how you might reach out.*

## DOXOLOGY

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Pray for those who are ill and all health care workers and those in essential jobs serving us. Pray for our congregation now separated. Pray for our country's leaders as they make tough decisions. Pray for our world.)*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN #541 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" vss. 1, 3, 4

1 God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you:

Refrain

God be with you till we meet again.

3 God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you:

Refrain

4 God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave before you:

Refrain

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

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