



Order of worship

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 2022

Call to worship *(From Psalm 24:1-6)*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, and who shall stand in God's holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not live up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek the Lord, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Call to confession *(From Romans 6:1-4)*

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

With the confidence of those whose pardon is assured, let us come before our God in honesty.



Prayer of confession

Holy God, you have given us the freedom to choose your way. You have told us what is good. Your law has revealed the difference between right and wrong. And yet we confess that, too often, we fail to do what is good and right. Afraid to be seen as moralistic, we do not say what needs to be said. Afraid of being ineffective, we do not dare to do what needs to be done. Forgive us, we pray and, in your abundant mercy, recall us to your ways. Remind us again that you have made us for good. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ.

Assurance of pardon *(From Romans 12:1-2)*

I appeal to you, therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Believe the promise of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Scripture

Sermon



Affirmation of faith *(The Apostles' Creed)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for the offering

Remembering that all that we have, and all that we are,
our treasure, our prayers, the fullness of our lives, is a gift
from God, entrusted to our care for only a season, let us
worship God as we make our offerings.

Prayer of dedication

Eternal God, you have blessed us with abundance upon
abundance. We have all we need; indeed, we have more
than we need. Receive, we pray, our offerings as a first-
fruit of our intention to follow your way. Bless them.
Multiply them. Use them. May we be blessed as we see
your reign at work among us, through Christ our Lord, we
pray. Amen.



Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Holy God,

Your blessings flow forth freely and forever from the gracious mercy of your loving heart. We are grateful. We rejoice in the wonder of being the heirs of such an incredibly good fortune.

We know that as we come once more in your name to your house to be your people, you will claim us as always and make us your own. Enter our hearts and make them your dwelling place. Take our lives and direct our steps. As your people, called and chosen, loved and useful, we meet to worship and to rejoice in you and trust in you. Hear us as we raise our voices on behalf of the people of God.

Hear us as we pray for your world. For the nations of the earth, send peace among the people. Guide our leaders with wise counsel. Direct our ways that we may do your work. Forgive us where we have allowed jealousy and fear of being shortchanged or when not having enough keeps us from living as your people with a different vision of you, a vision that is wide enough to know you love us all. Help us to live as though this is so.

Hear us as we pray for the world nearby. For your children in harm's way, we pray safety. For your children without homes, we pray compassion and awareness. For the victims of gun violence, and all violence, for the ailments of our community, we ask your healing touch. Guide our ways and provoke a right response from us. Help us to live as though we know our good fortune of being your beloved. Help to put aside all competing messages that would distort your love for us, so that we might remember that we are claimed by you and respond in joy.

Hear us as we pray for your church. For the church universal, for the Presbyterian Church and our own congregation, we pray again that your spirit would be poured out on us in surprising and new ways. Give us a vision of life as you intend it, the new life we receive in Jesus Christ. Help us to remember that we have a message that is vitally important for our common life together and for the community that we serve. Help us to know, O God,

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how we might share the great good news that you love us with a depth of personal compassion and caring which has no ends or limits or conditions. Help us to share this message so that our homes, our neighborhoods, even our city might give evidence of your way for us.

We make these, and all of our prayers, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, **"Our Father..."**.

Charge and benediction

Friends, the good news of the gospel is clear. God has saved us from our sin and saved us for a new life. Let us go forth in the knowledge of God's saving love that we might offer our lives as a continual thank-offering responding to what God has done. And as we go, may the love, grace, and fellowship of our triune God abide with us, and with those we love, both this day and forevermore.

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