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Virtual Worship Order of Service
Sunday, September 6, 2020, /11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Pass It On (by Kurt Kaiser)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER



UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 100)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and bless His name. For the LORD is good, and His loving devotion endures forever; His faithfulness continues to all generations.

OPENING HYMN ODE TO JOY-JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE at ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you are Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. You know our thoughts and our motives; nothing is hidden from you.

Lord, have mercy on us, hear our prayer, and forgive our sin.

We have neglected to honor you as our first love.

Lord, have mercy on us, hear our prayer, and forgive our sin.

We have dishonored you by choosing to follow our emotions and personal agendas rather than following your divine will and commandment to love you with our whole being - body, mind, and soul.

Lord, have mercy on us, hear our prayer, and forgive our sin.

We acknowledge we have violated your commandment to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves because sometimes, we refuse to show them the generosity of spirit you extend to us through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, have mercy on us, hear our prayer, and forgive our sin

We have erred by pointing out the faults of others while failing to see and publicly acknowledge our own deepest shortcomings.

Lord, have mercy on us, hear our prayer, and forgive our sin.

We have neglected to faithfully take care of the earth over which you have given us dominion. We take more of almost everything than we need and often throw it away. We litter our communities with trash.

Lord, have mercy on us, hear our prayer, and forgive our sin.

We disturb the peace with loud clamoring with disregard for others, and by stirring up confusion and division, instead of working for unity.

Lord, have mercy on us, hear our prayer, and forgive our sin. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

UNISON CONFESSION OF FAITH - the Apostles' Creed (traditional)

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic [universal] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

DC Talk - Jesus Freak (Original Video)¹

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading

Psalms 119:33- 40

Liturgist: Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, and I shall observe it to the end.

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People: Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law and keep it with all my heart.

Liturgist- Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.

People: Incline my heart to Your testimonies and not to dishonest gain.

Liturgist: Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity and revive me in Your ways.

People: Establish Your word to Your servant, as that which produces reverence for You.

Liturgist: Turn away my reproach which I dread, for Your ordinances are good.

ALL: Behold, I long for Your precepts; revive me through Your righteousness.

Second Reading

Matthew 18: 15-20

Liturgist: If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense.

People: If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.

Liturgist: But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses.

People: If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she will not accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.

Liturgist: I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.

People: I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you.

ALL: For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

Third Reading

Romans 13: 8-14

Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law. For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law. This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So, remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. Because we belong to the day; we must live decent lives for all to see. Do not participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And do not let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Smokie Norful~Dear God²

SERMON

COMMUNION HYMN

We Are One in the Spirit (Lyrics) - Potluck Music³

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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³ Potluck Project via Youtube

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE MINISTER

Almighty, we praise your creating power and divine care: in making the world; establishing the covenant; giving the law, speaking truth through the prophets; showing mercy in spite of our sin; and above all, through the gift of Jesus Christ.

THE PEOPLE

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

ALL: Lord, we remember

THE MINISTER BLESSES THE BREAD AND WINE

In the words of the Apostle Paul as recorded in 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26, I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

The People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

This is the body of Christ that was broken for you. (eat the bread)

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. (drink the wine)

CLOSING HYMN

Let The Church Say Amen (feat. Marvin Winans)⁴

BENEDICTION- Remember: God loves you and we at United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield care about you. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.



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