

First Presbyterian Church IN **VICTOR**

**WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**



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Order of Worship **September 5, 2021, 10am**
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude “Blessed Assurance” arr. by Pepper Choplin

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water.
Come, all who are weary;
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.
The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.
Drink deeply of these living waters.
Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Opening Hymn GTG#413 “Come Into God’s Presence”

Responsive Prayer of Confession

For the times we have lied to one another and the times we
have been lied to,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.
For the times we have laughed at another’s pain and the times
we have been laughed at,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.
For the times we have spoken when we should have remained
silent and the times we have remained silent when we should
have spoken,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.
For the times we have not respected another’s freedom to be
different from us,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.
For the times we have betrayed a friend and the times we have
been betrayed,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.
**O God of heaven and earth, you emptied yourself of your
power and became a helpless baby in order that you
might heal the sick world.**
**Teach us to empty ourselves of the things that destroy
us and keep us alone. Empty us of our jealousy, of our
meanness, of our fear of others.**
For Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

“I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean
from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse
you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put
within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.”

Gloria Patri #579

“Glory Be to the Father”

Moment for All Ages

Unison Prayer for Illumination:

**O Lord, in the beginning you spoke, ‘let there be light,’
and your glory shined in the darkness. In Jesus Christ
we were given your life, light, and forgiveness. Speak
O Lord to today that your light and life may continue
to shine among us, upon us, and within us. In Jesus’
name, Amen.**

Scripture

Psalm 146:1-10

Praise for God’s Help

1 Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
3 Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
6 who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

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Scripture (cont.)

9 The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
10 The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Sermon "Trees Planted by the Water: Faithful, Just, and Kind"

Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord, our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and you preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you, we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

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!

Most righteous God,

we remember in this supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in the expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (cont.)

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ, our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! **Amen.**

Communion

Communion Hymn GTG# 530

"One Bread, One Body"

Offering

Doxology

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

Generous God, you have given us life, a place to live in, and people to live with. Open our eyes to each other and to all our brothers and sisters, especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated. Make us humble enough to help and comfort them, so that your love and justice and peace may come to them. We make bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts to you and to the service of others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us with your Word *and at your table. Grateful for your gifts and mindful of the communion of your saints*, we offer to you our prayers for all people. God of compassion, we remember before you the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all others who suffer from whatever their sufferings may be called.

[Silence]

O Lord of providence holding the destiny of the nations in your hand, we pray for our country. Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they, together with all our nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness so that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people.

530 One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of

all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.

And we, though man-y, through-out the

earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

to Refrain

free, wom - an or man, no more.
works, one in the Lord of all.
grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1-31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

Come into God's Presence 413

- 1 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Al - le - lu - ia,
- 2 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Je - sus is Lord,
- 3 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Wor - thy the Lamb,
- 4 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Glo - ry to God,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."
Je - sus is Lord, Je - sus is Lord."
wor - thy the Lamb, wor - thy the Lamb."
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God."

*May be sung as a canon.

This anonymous worship chorus is thought to have been created extemporaneously during the 1960s and was one of the earliest songs of that kind. The opening line of the text is a paraphrase of Psalm 100:2, and the very act of singing this song fulfills that verse's invitation.