

PRELUDE, GATHERING,

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Praise the Lord

**Along with the rest of the family of God,
I give heartfelt thanks to the Lord.**

All that the Lord has done we should study with care.

The Lord is gracious and merciful.

The Lord is trustworthy, faithful and just.

The Lord has provided redemption for us.

Our God is an Awesome God,

as the wise understand very well.

The Lord will be praised forever.

Praise the Lord

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GBoD

Adapted from a prayer written by Beth Merrill Neel

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Holy God, hear our prayer.

You send prophets and saviors

to help us, to save us, to raise us,

and our response is to question You.

You heal someone's beloved, and we ask,

"Why not this one too?"

You shower food upon some who hunger,

and we complain that our stomachs are growling.

Forgive us. Forgive us not for our doubts,

but for our limited perspective.

Open wide before us the vista of your grace,

and the expanse of your love,

and the wonder of your healing power.

Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:21–28

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Presbyterian Outlook

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit

that we might hear what you would have us hear

and be who you would us be,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

CHOIR

Be Thou My Vision

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SERMON / HOMILY

HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*... For the healing of Earth and all its creatures;
... for the healing of divisions between the followers of Christ Jesus;
... for leaders of the world; peoples with great power and wealth,
and peoples with neither wealth nor power.
... for those who are victims of others' idolatry,
and those who try to live in ways that honor God,
... for all who are in pain and in need of care,
especially those we name now aloud or silently, . . .
[A time of silence is kept.]*

*We ask your blessing on all your people,
that we may come at last to the truth
around your banquet table that has no end;
through Christ Jesus, our Lord,
who gave us these words to pray..*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts.
Use them, even as you use us,
to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ,
the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

SENDING

FotW

Go out from this place to a world fully known by God.
Where there is fear, remember the authority of Christ Jesus.
Where there is need of love, give it.
Where there is pain, bring peace.

Go in peace with the knowledge that God's power
is given to the church, the body of Christ,
for the sake of the life of the world.

We are loved by the One who redeems,
and have been set free to live by the Word of life.

POSTLUDE

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

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Questions for Reflection

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If you can think of this answer as many “troubles,” try to find the root cause, a name to give to that which needs to be cast out. The answer may take different forms throughout the week. You may also consider the same question with regard to your family and to this nation.

What is the Holy One casting out today in your presence?

Morning Prayers:

In the light of your new day, O God,

I rise to greet you always on the path in front of me.

Let me follow with integrity where you will lead.

Give me courage to know the difference
between what is false and what is true.

Teach me to love my neighbor as you love me. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Heavenly Father, you are the power above all powers,
the healer who knows our every need.

You have guided me throughout this day, and now
give me sleep to renew my tired body and mind.

Guard me and keep me in your care. Amen.

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