

Assurance of Forgiveness

+ Gloria (Hymn 582) Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

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WORD

Where the scriptures are read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ, the living Word, is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit also evokes our response. Through singing, affirmation, and prayer, with the help of God's Spirit, we discern Jesus Christ, receive Christ's grace, and resolve to follow Christ's way.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Lamentations 1:1-6 (CEB)

Oh, no!

She sits alone, the city that was once full of people.

Once great among nations, she has become like a widow.

Once a queen over provinces, she has become a slave.

She weeps bitterly in the night, her tears on her cheek. None of her lovers comfort her.

All her friends lied to her; they have become her enemies.

Judah was exiled after suffering and hard service. She lives among the nations; she finds no rest.

All who were chasing her caught her—right in the middle of her distress.

Zion's roads are in mourning; no one comes to the festivals.

All her gates are deserted. Her priests are groaning, her young women grieving. She is bitter.

Her adversaries have become rulers; her enemies relax.

Certainly the Lord caused her grief because of her many wrong acts.

Her children have gone away, captive before the enemy. Daughter Zion lost all her glory.

Her officials are like deer that can't find pasture. They have gone away, frail, before the hunter.

Lamentations 3:19-26

One: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,*

God's mercies never come to an end.

All: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,*

God's mercies never come to an end.

One: The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!

My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

All: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,*

God's mercies never come to an end;

One: they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in the Lord."

All: *The Lord is good to those who wait—*

to the soul that seeks the Lord.

One: It is good that one should wait quietly

for the salvation of the Lord.

All: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,*

God's mercies never come to an end.

2 Timothy 1: 5-10 (CEB)

I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you. Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

So don't be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord or of me, his prisoner. Instead, share the suffering for the good news, depending on God's power. God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on God's own purpose and grace that God gave us in Christ Jesus before time began. Now God's grace is revealed through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality into clear focus through the good news.



Luke 17:5-10 (CEB)

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after plowing or tending sheep, 'Come! Sit down for dinner'? Wouldn't you say instead, 'Fix my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you can eat and drink'? You won't thank the servant because the servant did what you asked, will you? In the same way, when you have done everything required of you, you should say, 'We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty.'"

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Carla Pratt Keyes

+ Hymn 762 *When the Poor Ones*

+ Affirmation of Faith

[A New Creed from the United Church of Canada]

All: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

+ Somos Uno (Hymn 322)

We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.

Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.

We share one God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one binding love,

One single baptism, one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit, uniting all.

Prayers of the People

EUCHARIST

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord. We celebrate with thanksgiving (eucharistia) the grace (kharis) with which Jesus welcomes us to sit at his table, eat what will satisfy our deepest hungers, and feed others as we've been fed. We offer ourselves in response to Christ's wonderful offering of love.

Offering



Everyone is invited to place tithes, offerings, visitor cards, or any other communications to the Pastor or staff in the designated wall boxes beside each door at the back of the Sanctuary or signal an usher to bring you the offering plate.

Monetary gifts and pledges to GPPC may also be given online at <https://www.ginterparkpc.org/giving>, or by using the QR Code to the left.

If you'd like to contribute to the Peace and Global Witness Offering, please use the envelopes on the table with the bulletins or the QR Code and drop-down menu for "PCUSA Special Offering: Peace and Global Witness."

Anthem

Faith

Richard Smallwood

*There are times when adversity seems to overtake your life.
Doubts and fears seem to cloud your mind, and confusion's all inside.
But there's a message for you my friend, and I know this word is true;
just have the faith of a mustard seed, and there's nothing you cannot do.*

*If you have faith, you can move mountains.
Just keep the faith, nothing is impossible.
Hold on to your faith, you shall overcome.
According to your faith, just believe and it shall be done.*

*Your river may seem too hard to cross and your mountains too hard to climb,
but you conquer your circumstance if you keep this thought in mind:
faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen;
if you walk by faith and not by sight, you can realize your dream.*

*Faith, gotta have it, really need it; without faith it's impossible to please the Lord.
Mustard seed!*

Len Baker, soloist; Bentley Cobb, drums; Nick Walker, bass; Alfred Walker, keyboard

+ Doxology (Hymn 607)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

[by Katie Owen Aumann for the PCUSA]

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: We give you thanks and praise, God of all Creation, for the blessing of your earth and all your children, for the mercies you pour forth in fresh rains and harvests of plenty, for joy that comes in the morning. We are a grateful people.

You created a world of harmony and peace, but our yearning for power and privilege throughout history led to division and conflict, suffering and violence. We give thanks that you sent prophets and poets to lament and remind, to bear witness and call us to yet a better way, to write the vision of a peaceable kingdom for all to see.

With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly chorus to sing:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow-er and God of might!
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the
high-est! Bless-ed, bless-ed, bless-ed is one who comes in the
name of God. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na! Ho-
san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

One: We give you thanks that in the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus to bear witness to your mercy, grace and love. In his living, he showed us how to love. In his dying, he offered us undeserved mercy. In his rising, he granted us grace.

Through the gift of faith, even faith as small as a mustard seed, Christ's witness rekindles in us the gifts of God, not so that we can hold onto these gifts for ourselves but so that we can be united across the globe as one family of faith gathered around one table, sharing in one holy meal, sustained by a love that binds us together in peace.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our many tables trusting that Christ is the host of our sacred meal together. May the blessing of grain from the earth and fruit of the vine be a reminder of the true joy of communion that unites us in one worldwide covenant of love. Sustained by your Word, fed by this holy meal, may we go out with joy and be led forth in peace; through Christ our peace.

**All: Amen. 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

(Bread is gluten-free and vegan with honey.)

One at a time or in family groups, please come forward.

Servers are masked and have used hand sanitizer.

Please hold your hand flat to receive the bread and take a cup from the tray.

You can consume those elements once you've returned to your pew,

or while seated briefly on a front pew.

Please return to your seat by a side aisle.

If you cannot easily come forward, we will happily bring the elements to your pew.

After others have been served, please raise your hand to signal us.

Prayer after communion

SENDING

Our worship and service do not end with the postlude; we go forth to love and serve God in our daily lives.

+ Hymn 176 *If You Only Had Faith*
(We will sing this twice)

+ Charge and Blessing

+ The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

+ Postlude

Come, Let Us Eat

David Cherwien

ABOUT WORSHIP

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY are given by Norma and Jonathan Murdoch-Kitt to the glory of God and in appreciation for Carla and Doug.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Our director of music is Doug Brown. Liturgists are Andrew Byrd and Lee Hunter. Sally Molenkamp is our lector. Managing the Facebook Livestream is Alfred Walker. Tom Hobbs will follow church procedures in moving your offerings from the boxes at the back of the Sanctuary to the offices of GPPC.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available in the Narthex. Please see today's greeter or an usher.

PLEASE TAKE THE PAPER BULLETIN YOU HAVE USED home for reference and/or recycling. Thank you!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS about events in the life of GPPC are available through a weekly e-newsletter. If you would like to be added to the distribution, please contact Karen Mitscherlich at ginterparkpc@gmail.com.

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