

# Sunday Worship Service – September 11, 2022

Using material various worship resources as indicated in the footnotes.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Altar Candles

#### Call to Worship <sup>1</sup>

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

**God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us  
and waste the gifts we have been given.**

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

**let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;  
let us worship God together.**

#### Gathering Hymn *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* #834 (verses 1,2,4)

1. **Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible  
hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious,  
thy great name we praise!**
2. **Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
4. **Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

#### Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 51) <sup>2</sup>

Have mercy on us, O God, because of your unfailing love.

Because of your great compassion, forgive us.

Free us from the guilt that weighs us down,  
from the sin that controls us.

**We have sinned against you, and done what is wrong in your eyes.**

**We are well aware of the wrong we do:**

**the words we speak which wound,**

**the unloving thoughts and actions which hurt others and ourselves.**

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<sup>1</sup> posted on the **Presbyterian Church in Canada** website: <http://presbyterian.ca/worship/>

<sup>2</sup> posted on the **re:Worship** website: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/>

**We know that these things distance us from you,  
and keep us from recognizing your life in us.  
Forgive us.**



You desire complete honesty from us.  
We know that nothing can be hidden from you.  
And so we lay open our hearts to you now—  
we lay before you those things for which we need your forgiveness,  
and those things from which we long to be set free.  
Gracious God, enter our hearts.  
Teach us what it means to have you at the center of our lives.  
**God, we need your mercy and forgiveness.  
Only you can make us whole again;  
only you can fill us with lasting joy,  
only you can transform our weakness into strength.  
O God, look no longer on our past mistakes,  
but on the aspirations and longing of our hearts.**



Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
open and receptive to your Spirit.  
**Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
washed clean from bitter thoughts,  
from shame, guilt, envy and anger.**  
Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
free from anxiety about the past or the future,  
confident in the presence of your Holy Spirit,  
and in your gift of peace.  
**Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
cleansed by your mercy, and made strong by your love.**



Loving and merciful God,  
**we have so little to bring to You.**  
**But what we have, we willingly give:**  
**our humble spirits and contrite hearts.**  
**We long to be your disciples,**  
**to follow your path for our lives,**  
**and to share with others**  
**the good news of your love and mercy.**

**Words of Assurance** (based on Psalm 103:8)

Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, full of unfailing love.  
 Today, receive God's forgiveness.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn of Praise** *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"* #779 (verses 1,3,4)

1. **Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, hat saved a wretch like me!**  
**I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**
3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;**  
**'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**
4. **The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;**  
**he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength because he considered me faithful. So he appointed me to ministry even though I used to speak against him, attack his people, and I was proud. But I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and without faith. Our Lord's favor poured all over me along with the faithfulness and love that are in Christ Jesus. This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I'm the biggest sinner of all. But this is why I was shown mercy, so that Christ Jesus could show his endless patience to me first of all. So I'm an example for those who are going to believe in him

for eternal life. Now to the king of the ages, to the immortal, invisible, and only God, may honor and glory be given to him forever and always! Amen.

Here ends the reading.

**Inspire our understanding, Spirit of God.**

**Gospel Acclamation “Thy Word”** (#144 Worship & Praise)

*Chorus:* **Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.  
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1. **When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me,  
and nothing will I fear, as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end. (Chorus)**
2. **I will not forget your love for me, and yet  
my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side,  
and I will love you to the end. (Chorus)**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn’t he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Celebrate with me because I’ve found my lost sheep.’ In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

“Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won’t light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me because I’ve found my lost coin.’ In the same way,

I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

The gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon: The Way**

#### **Hymn of the Day "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" #786**

1. **O Holy Spirit, enter in and in our hearts your work begin,  
and make our hearts your dwelling.  
Sun of the soul, O Light Divine,  
around and in us brightly shine, your strength in us upwelling.  
In your radiance life from heaven, now is given overflowing,  
gift of gifts beyond all knowing.**
2. **Left to ourselves, we surely stray; oh, lead us on the narrow way,  
With wisest counsel guide us, and give us steadfastness that we  
May follow you forever free, no matter who derides us.  
Gently heal those hearts now broken,  
give some token you are near us,  
whom we trust to light and cheer us.**
3. **O mighty Rock, O Source of Life,  
Let your good Word, in doubt and strife,  
be in us strongly burning, that we be faithful unto death,  
and live in love and holy faith, from you true wisdom learning.  
Lord, your mercy on us shower; by your power Christ confessing,  
we will cherish all your blessing.**

#### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation. Each petition will end with the phrase "Lord in your mercy" and your response "**hear our prayer.**"

*Petitions are offered by the worship leaders*

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **Offering & Offertory Prayer**<sup>3</sup>

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**<sup>4</sup>

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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<sup>4</sup> Eucharistic Prayer H from *With One Voice* © 1995 Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, MN.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

***Communion Distribution***

***Hymn during Communion "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" #789***

1. **Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

2. **We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**
3. **You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**
4. **Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

### **Communion Blessing**

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**<sup>5</sup>

God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **Blessing**<sup>6</sup>

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  
**Amen.**

### **Sending**

Go in peace, inspired by Christ, to love and serve.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude** – Joshua Hendricksen

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