

# Bulletin for Worship

## YouTube Service

### July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### **Call to Worship**

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Come! Listen to the word of the Lord!

**Help us to receive God's word and direction for our lives. Proclaim the goodness of God's love!**

Let everyone hear our voices proclaim God's welcome and peace. Come, now is the time to worship.

**In this place all people are welcomed as beloved children of God, we come together to share in Christ's blessings and peace.**

**Hymn Glory to God Hymnal # 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning

our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy!

merciful and mighty!

God in three persons,

blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!

all the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns

around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim

falling down before thee,

who wert, and art,

and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!

though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinfulness

thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy;

there is none beside thee,

perfect in power,

in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy!  
merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons,  
blessed Trinity!

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## **Prayer of Adoration**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**We come into Your holy presence, Loving God, recognizing the foolishness of our ways. We have been obsessed with ourselves: with our wants, our needs, and our complaints. We have thought too highly of ourselves. We have worshiped power and neglected the strength found in humility and peace. We realize now that our only path back to right relationships lies through confession. Yet we are too stubborn and self-righteous to take the first steps.**

**God of Steadfast Love, we know that You always stand ready to receive us, as soon as we are ready to turn away from our foolishness. We know that if we will confess our sins, You will cleanse us of all unrighteousness. By our own strength, we know there is no way to put right what we have made wrong. But we believe that when we open our hearts to You, miracles begin to happen and You will make a way. Amen.**

*Take a few moments for your own silent confession*

### **Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness**

The desire to follow God and walk in the ways of God is the first step toward righteousness. As you open your hearts to God, God opens new paths of healing and joy.

**May the God, who constantly forgives the world, give us the courage to take steps this week as Christ's body to do God's will in the world. Amen.**

### **The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "Gloria Patri"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

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*Glory Be to the Father*

*TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)*

**Scripture Readings:**            2 Corinthians 12:2-10

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven— whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

#### Mark 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup> He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, ‘Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’ <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’ <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**Message:** “What is the Authority of God’s Word?”

#### **Prayer**

#### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

##### **The Lord’s Prayer**

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Sending Hymn Glory to God Hymnal # 761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service (vs. 1-3)*

Called as partners in Christ's service,  
called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment  
fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring  
to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering,  
reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer,  
all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together  
gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens,  
breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action,  
make us colleagues, free and fair.

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**Benediction**