

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRELUDE

If You Would Trust in God to Guide You, arr. D. Cherwien¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ came to console people in distress.

People: **We gather to worship our Creator and Comforter!**

Leader: Christ came to empower the powerless.

People: **We gather to worship our Friend and Liberator!**

Leader: Christ was anointed to bind up the broken-hearted and change the world.

People: **We gather to worship our Redeemer and Healer.**

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, St. Anne²

verse 1 - all, in unison

verse 4 - higher voices/women

verse 2 - all, Harmony

verse 5 - lower voices/men

verse 3 - choir only

verse 6 - all, in unison

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you see me at my best and at my worst. You know all about my sin. You know the ways in which I am truthful and the ways in which I deceive even myself. I recognize ways that I am complacent at doing your will. I choose to be unaware of the harm I cause. In your mercy, allow me to see my sin and to work with you to be transformed. In humility I ask for your forgiveness. Draw me near to you so that I may become the person you call me to be. In Jesus name we pray (silent confession). Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***ACCLAMATION HYMN 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me, Vasile³*

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Please turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers,
 offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

HYMN 594

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Cuéllar⁴

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for

that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

SERMON

In Jesus' Sight Line

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: What comfort do you receive by trusting in God's providence?

People: The eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ watches over me each day of my life, blessing and guiding me wherever I may be. God strengthens me when I am faithful, comforts me when discouraged or sorrowful, raises me up if I fall, and brings me at last to eternal life. Entrusting myself wholly to God's care, I receive the grace to be patient in adversity, thankful in the midst of blessing, courageous against injustice, and confident that no evil afflicts me that God will not turn to my good.

-What Presbyterians Believe The Study Catechism: Full Version Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 773

*Heaven Shall Not Wait, Heaven Shall Not Wait*⁵

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 743

*O God, You Are My God, Step By Step*⁶

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERATORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY

*The Beatitudes, J. Biery*⁷

*DEDICATION HYMN 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise God*⁸

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord we thank you for the many blessings you have poured out on us. We thank you for our education and our health and for this community. We bring our offerings to you this day and we pray for the hungry it may feed, the lonely it may support and the grieving it may comfort. May we all live in faith sharing the good news that God sees those in need, and has sent us to protect and help them. Lord may these offerings be but a small portion of that which we share in your name. With grateful thanks we pray, Amen.

SEALING THE WORD

*HYMN 725

O Jesus, I Have Promised, Nyland⁹

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Count Your Blessings, arr. D. Miller¹⁰

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