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PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace”

Early American Melody
Arr. by Frank Milholland

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ our Lord united his followers together in Christian love.

His presence makes our fellowship a happy experience.

When Christ is our life, our fellowship takes on the nature of Christ, we experience unity, love and humility toward one another.

May Christ live in us that we may be like him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN 664

MORNING HAS BROKEN

**Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We walk through life, confident, strong, boasting of all our achievements. But God sees the hurts we have inflicted on others, the weariness in our bones from chasing after bad choices, and all the foolishness we trip over in the busyness of life. Let us come to God, for the One who listens to our faltering words is the One who gives us the Word filled with grace and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we allow the busyness of the world to consume our lives. We get caught up in circles of drama and personal conflict. At times such things consume all of our time and energy. Forgive us, God, for losing focus of your call on our lives to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, when we forget the great suffering in the world of homelessness and hunger, disease and war, and instead are worried about what others say and do that has no meaning in the greater world. Forgive us, God, for not paying attention to things much more important. Turn our eyes back to you, back to our brothers and sisters in the world in need. Call us into the ways, of Christ, the one who laid down his life for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We shall run and not be weary, we shall walk and not faint. We do not lose heart; though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. We are renewed and restored, forgiven and loved. We can go out and live the Good News: We are forgiven!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ISAIAH 40:21-31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
²³ who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength ,mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

PSALM 147

Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

²**The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

³He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

⁴**He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

⁸**He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.**

⁹He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰**His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;**

¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

¹²**Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!**

¹³For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

¹⁴**He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.**

¹⁵He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

¹⁶**He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.**

¹⁷He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold?

¹⁸**He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.**

¹⁹He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

²⁰**He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.**

Praise the LORD!

MARK 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they^a left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SERMON

DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS?

HYMN 795

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Refrain

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness,
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.**

Refrain

**In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
Give us all your vision, God of love.**

Refrain

**Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.**

Refrain

**You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.**

Refrain

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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 THE PEOPLE

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, 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.

HYMN 501 FEED US, LORD

**Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the broken bread, be revealed again,
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.**

**Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirsty ground, be revealed again.
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.**

**Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine of the risen Christ.
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.**

**Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nourished here by Christ, given strength for life.
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share the feast which he has prepared.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

**It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God,
creator and ruler of the universe. You are kind and gracious to us, O God, blessing us**

with good things. All the ends of the earth praise you; the nations are glad and sing for joy, because you guide us with wisdom and judge us with equity.
You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Christ is your Word made flesh, your love revealed in the world. He is our abiding peace—not as the world gives, but a peace beyond compare. In Christ’s name we have received the Holy Spirit, our Advocate. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.
By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world Give us a vision of your holy city, the new Jerusalem, where the light of your glory dispels the night forever. Heal the hurting nations, and feed the world with good fruit.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 372

O FOR A WORLD

**O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

**The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perished will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace,
When time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“Let Everything That Has Breath”

Words & Music by Matt Redman
Arr. By Mark Hayes

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Come join us!

Nancy Young is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: Jan 3, 2021 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86468468691?pwd=Z3ZNNzJabHdKaFNOTjhrOEVBYXlqdz09>

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**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: PSALMS
WILL BEGIN FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

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Budget and Pledge Information

Since there was a lot of discussion about the Budget Deficit and our ability to call a full time Pastor during the Congregational Meeting, I would like to give you some information. I believe it shows that it is very possible for this Church to call a full time Pastor if the members of the Congregation really want a fulltime Pastor.

During the Congregation meeting people were concerned that given the projected budget Deficit of \$92,000 based on last year’s giving that it will be impossible to call a full time pastor. About \$30,000 of the budget Deficit is for repairs to the Manse and repair/replacement of the sidewalk on Academy Street. The Church should be able to qualify for a PILP Loan from the Presbyterian Foundation to cover these Capital Improvement Expenses.

To date we have pledges from 48 out of 125 Church families for \$114,704 (an average of \$2390/family). This gives a Budget Deficit of about \$98,000 (assuming a PILP Loan to cover the manse/sidewalk repairs). Therefore, if the remaining 77 families pledge an average of \$1280/year, which is \$106/month or \$25/week we can have a balance budget and be able to call a full time Pastor. Therefore, if you have not yet pledged please prayerfully consider how much you are able to pledge. If you have pledged, please prayerfully consider if you are able increase your pledge. Your pledges will enable the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church to call a full time Pastor and move forward to do God's important work/mission in our Community.

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